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Hancock Chamber Business After Hours takes place this Thursday, 5-7 p.m., at Hancock Bank, Highway 90 Branch in Bay St. Louis. Open to everyone.

Kiln Dutch Lunch at Cajun Connection

Everyone is welcome at 12 p.m. on Tuesday at the Dutch Lunch in the Kiln Cajun Connection Restaurant. Speakers will be area fire department volunteers, who will discuss "What can we do to reduce insurance rates?"

Cancer Society kicks off 'Relay for Life'

The American Cancer Society will kick off its Relay for Life in Hancock County with a party this Monday at 6 p.m. at the Coast Electric Conference Center at the corner of Hwy. 90 and Main St. in Bay St. Louis. The theme this year is "Power of Purple."

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Courthouse work to go on despite chemical

Construction workers have been asked to continue renovation work under the Hancock County Courthouse.



BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Compton Engineering and architect Ed Wikoff have requested that G. M. and R. Construction employees proceed with work under the Hancock County Courthouse, despite conflicting reports by environmental consulting

companies about whether there may be pesticide contamination in the area.

After several workers on the project became ill last fall, an investigation was kicked off and a report was filed with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Jackson area director Clyde

Payne said that the problems were caused by a high concentration of the pesticide Chlordane in the work area.

Tests by Environmental Solution of Mississippi, Bonner Analytical Testing Company and Covington and Associates Corporation,

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'Record' year for drugs in Hancock

Marijuana, meth labs and cocaine, goodbye

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

Hancock County Sheriff Steve Garber said last week that his department's Narcotics Division set a new county record.

"The Narcotics Division, under the leadership of Capt. Matt Karl in 2002, has helped put a dent in the criminal narcotic activities throughout the county," Garber said.

"During 2002, the Narcotics Division handled a total of 181 cases. Of these cases, 124 have resulted in arrests, with the remaining still under investigation."

Garber said that seizures for the year included: 10 vehicles, one boat, and \$13,561 in cash. The money is held until all legal proceedings are completed; vehicles seized may be used by agents for investigations, or auctioned. Monies seized are used for continued funding for the Narcotic Division's enforcement, Garber said.



Garber

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LION IN WAIT



Echo staff photo by Shannon Jenkins

Sharon George, of Bad Seed Productions in Bay St. Louis, works on a display for a Coast nightclub.

Bay couple making its last Mardi Gras season one to remember

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

A monstrous lion, with his massive jaws slightly opened to reveal pointed teeth and rolling tongue, watches every move

one Bay St. Louis couple makes, awaiting the day for his attack.

His prey will be the cheering crowds at the upcoming Mardi Gras parade in Bay St. Louis

rather than the couple, Jon and Sharon George, who created him.

The lion head, which stands 8-feet-tall, 10-feet-wide and 3-feet-deep, will fulfill its glory as part of a float for the Krewe of Real People.

For now, the papier-mâché

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The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws scored a 97-55 win over the Bay High Tigers Friday night, earning the right to keep the Mayor's Cup this year.



Rocks run away with Mayor's Cup victory

No. 1-ranked Lady Tigers fall to Hawks

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The #1-ranked girls team in the state fell to the #10-ranked team in the state by a one-point margin and the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws used smothering defense to create a 42-point margin in the Mayor's Cup games on Friday.

The top-ranked Lady Tigers were upset by the #10 Lady Hawks of Hancock 40-39 in

their third matchup of the season. The Rocks came out hard and fast, especially on defense, garnering a 97-55 win over the Tigers of Bay High.

The old adage rang true Friday night - it's difficult to beat a team three times in one season. The Lady Hawks came out with a mission while the Lady Tigers did not find their

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Lion -- the last Mardi Gras

masterpiece looms in the background of the Georges' workshop as they work on other projects. The large-scale artists may even create an elephant head for the krewe. They also created a dragon's head for the Gulf Coast Carnival Association in Biloxi.

For now, the Georges have devoted their time to completely redoing the entire interior of a Gulfport bar. This particular project for Spiders on the Beach calls for a safari/tribal theme and requires the creation of huts and tiki poles.

Despite this hefty project, the Georges said they still are accepting last-minute jobs for this year's Mardi Gras.

Next year's carnival, however, may be a different story.

Once Jon and Sharon have fulfilled all of their prior commitments here on the Coast, they plan to pack up their glue and papier-mâché and head for Asheville, N.C.

There, the Georges will rent a space from Blue Ridge Motion Pictures, a fairly new production company. They will do exclusive work for Blue Ridge and will also maintain their own

company. Bad Seeds Productions, out of that location.

The Georges also plan to sell their creations to local theaters and event planners in and around Asheville.

"When we got that opportunity, we just couldn't pass it up," Sharon said. "We wanted to find someone who could give us steady work."

Several months ago, the Georges surfed the Internet for movie production companies that could offer more business. After finding the company, Jon and Sharon took a road trip to North Carolina where they met with Blue Ridge representatives and other potential clients.

"We were well received there," Sharon said.

"We're very enthusiastic about what that area has to offer," Jon said.

With a smile, Sharon said she hopes Bad Seed Productions will one day have a spot in the closing credits of movies from Blue Ridge.

Seeing their company's name on the silver screen was not a factor that prompted the couple to make the move.

Mardi Gras in New Orleans once provided them

with a steady flow of work. The Georges eventually decided to cease their work for the New Orleans carnival because transporting the hefty pieces became impractical and costly.

Jon and Sharon completed Mardi Gras projects for the Krewe of Real People for the last few consecutive years and also for Casino Magic Biloxi two years ago. The demand for carnival-themed projects has since slowed down.

Relocating seemed the logical thing to do.

The move, however, does have its disadvantages.

"The hardest part was deciding to leave this area," Sharon said. "We love it here, but we had to decide what's best for us. We're both at a place where we think if we don't take a chance we'll never know what's out there."

The moving date has yet to be set, so new clients are still welcome to place orders for the Georges' unique creations.

Jon and Sharon, who married and started Bad Seed in 1999, even plan to sell a few of their existing works before leaving. A 9-foot Uncle Sam, a patriotic eagle and a large skull with

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crossbones are all up for grabs.

For anyone with the space and desire to own one of the Georges' fiberglass pieces may call 467-5995.

Paper maker to speak to artists

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The Pass Christian Art Association will meet January 18 at 10 a.m. in the Community Room of the Pass Christian Public Library.

Please note the new time for the meeting.

The guest artist will be Vicki Lever Niolet, and her presentation will be "Preliminaries of Paper Making."

She will be teaching a paper making workshop at the Lumberyard Studios, Bay St. Louis, in March. For information about the workshop, call 228-467-8313.

Guests are welcome to attend the meeting, and refreshments will be served.

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Hancock Medical Center presents a surplus anesthesia machine to the Waveland Animal Shelter for spay and neuter of local animals. From left are Paula Leoni, Friends of the Animal Shelter support chairman, Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo, Waveland Animal Shelter Director Valerie Vescas, Micky Evans, board member, HMC Administrator Hal W. Leftwich and Terie Velardi, president, Friends of the Animal Shelter.

Animal shelter one step closer to own spay/neuter program

THE SEA COAST ECHO

The Waveland Animal Shelter is one step closer to its own spay/neuter clinic with the recent donation of a surplus anesthesia machine from Hancock Medical Center.

Currently local veterinarians honor reduced cost certificates issued by the shelter with all animal adoptions. They agreed to participate in a program on-site when all supplies are on hand. Participating veterinarians are Jennifer Hendricks of Live Oak Animal Hospital, Pass Christian; H. W. LeBourgeois of Waveland Small Animal Hospital,

Waveland; Charlie West of Pet Haven Veterinary Hospital, Bay St. Louis; Joey Kaletsch of Animal Hospital of Diamondhead; and Chel Saunders of Pelican Bay Animal Hospital, Pass Christian.

The Friends of the Animal Shelter in Hancock County, a 501c3 organization, is working to raise funds to complete the spay/neuter clinic. Construction has begun on the clinic, according to Friends president Terie Velardi.

For additional information on animal shelter needs, contact Velardi at 466-0462.

Waveland Seniors to host first meeting

The first meeting of the Senior Citizens of Waveland is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 13, at Post 77 on Coleman Ave. at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served.

Alzheimer's seminar in Diamondhead Tuesday

The MS Alzheimer's Division presents a free seminar for caregivers and family members on Alzheimer's Disease & Other Dementia Disorders, Tues., 10:30 a.m.-noon at the Diamondhead Country Club. Call (228) 214-5556.

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Arrest Record

Editor's note: The following is a complete list of arrests logged at the Hancock County Justice Facility from Jan. 3 to Jan. 10. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

ECHO STAFF REPORT

- Grant Tingstrom, 43, contempt of court (30 days to serve)
- Jeffrey Lamb, 45, parole violation (warrant)
- Albert Vonantz IV, 36, simple assault (warrant)
- Blake Austin Stuart, 19, uttering forgery
- Robert Joe Allen, 38, DUI (2nd), resisting arrest, assault on officer, destruction of county property, suspended driver's license
- Jackie E. Teabout, 50, disturbance of family (domestic)
- Tommy G. Dutton, 59, aggravated assault
- Melvin A. Young Jr., 31, contempt of court (warrant)
- Jeffrey Hoda, 30, hold for Harrison County
- Michael M. Speed, 47, speeding, suspended driver's license, expired tag, expired sticker
- Ralph Emmitt Waymire, 47, falsifying information, possession of paraphernalia
- Gerard L. Harris, 26, suspended driver's license, improper equipment, switched tag
- Daniel Daugherty, 23, DUI (1st), careless driving, expired driver's license
- John W. Benson, 34, no insurance, no seat belt, DUI (2nd), refused test, posses-

sion of paraphernalia, failure to signal

- Mark Allen Webber, 28, possession of controlled substance with intent
- Ronnie B. Earhart, 22, one count sale of controlled substance

- Kevin Hughes, 36, failure to yield (pursuit), speeding, suspended driver's license, reckless driving
- Phillip D. Seal, 32, simple assault (domestic)

- Cornelius Glendall Acker, 22, careless driving, suspended driver's license
- Stanley D. Moore Jr., 37, aggravated assault, shooting into a dwelling

- Robert B. McMillan, aggravated assault, shooting into a dwelling
- Amanda (Peterson) Woods, 23, disturbance of family, trespassing

- Marco Herring, 22, contempt of court (warrant)
- Russell E. Guest, 19, DUI (1st)

- Reginald Williams, 24, parole violation (original charge — transfer of controlled substance)
- Donna Peterson, 40, possession of paraphernalia (crack pipe), driving while driver's license suspended

- Joseph Hill, 37, possession with intent
- Adrian Exeridge, 18, statutory rape

- Paula Z. Massey, 19, possession
- Joseph Curet, 20, possession with intent

- Cathy A. Hill, 37, possession with intent
- Ronald Ramsey, 23, contempt of court (failure to

comply) (warrant)

- Peter Lewis, 40, simple assault (domestic), sale of controlled substance (crack cocaine)
- John A. McClellan, 28, contempt of court (warrant)

- Annie D. Trybrski, 32, contempt of court (failure to pay) (warrant)
- Matthew R. Solbach Jr., 39, DUI (1st)

- Crystal M. Bain, 19, receiving stolen property
- Adam T. Lowery, 18, grand larceny

- Jason Fairchild, 20, grand larceny
- Andrew Nicholson, 55, DUI (1st), careless driving

- David Jordan, 18, burglary of dwelling
- John D. Heathcock, 30, trespassing (warrant)

- John Fontenot, 64, DUI (1st)
- Cory Catalano, 22, simple assault (warrant)

- Joseph Smart, 61, DUI (1st)
- Eric Perkins, 30, no insurance, careless driving, driving while driver's license suspended

- Donald Carver Jr., 39, contempt of court (failure to appear)
- Thomas L. Rudder, 42, disturbance of family (domestic)

- Kevin R. Engle, 44, careless driving, DUI (1st), no insurance, no seat belt
- Donald Ray Adams, 30, no seat belt, DUI (3rd), one headlight, suspended driver's license

- Rayfield Vaughn Jr., 18, contempt of court (failure to appear), (warrant),

receiving stolen property

- Joseph Daniel Hill, 37, sale of controlled substance
- Elmer C. Parsons, 43, parole violation, public drunk, possession of paraphernalia
- Robert D. Brock, 27, (warrant), suspended driver's license, expired tag, contempt of court (failure to appear)

- Johnnie R. Harvey, 27, simple assault (warrant)
- Crystal A. Huff, 30, contempt of court (warrant)

- Lloyd Daniel Rigby, 37, contempt of court (failure to pay), (warrant), no driver's license, DUI (1st), careless driving, no insurance

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Remnants of meth lab under investigation

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

When Hancock County Deputies Stacey Wilson and Johnny Allison were dispatched to a possible trespassing/disturbance call on Monday afternoon, they discovered the remnants of a crystal meth lab in the Silver Creek area, Sheriff Steve Garber reported last week.

This was at the same time the Narcotics Division was serving a warrant for the search of suspected drugs at a residence in Shoreline Park, Garber said.

Narcotics Division Agent Chris Russell, who is leading the investigation of the

remnants of the meth lab, said, he along with director Capt. Matt Karl, Agents Abe Long and Clifton (Bubba) Malley following their detail, went to the 17393 Camellia St. address.

"Upon arriving, we discovered hazardous materials at the Camellia Street address. A chemical cleanup crew was summoned through DEA to come in and clean up the site," Russell said. No arrests were made, but the investigation continues.

Democratic Executive Committee meets

THE SEA COAST ECHO

The Hancock County Democratic Executive Committee will conduct its monthly business meeting, Monday, Jan. 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis Library, 312 Highway 90.

Members and guests are invited to attend.

Officers of the committee should try to attend the meeting a half-hour earlier to review meeting agenda and attend to any business unrelated to the agenda.

For information, contact Committee Chairman Betty Tolar at 228-467-0350.

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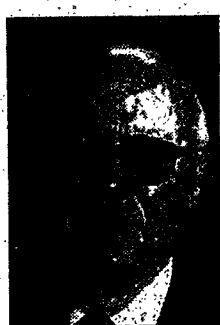
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OPINION

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Go to the Hancock Chamber's After Hours!

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's new president, John Baxter, will ring in the year 2003 with the chamber's first *Business After Hours* on Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Hancock Bank's "Bay 90" branch, Bay St. Louis.

The chamber's *Business After Hours* during 2002 was just a tremendous success. I have been attending these functions for many years and would have to say 2002's have been the best ever.

I am sure that Thursday night's will continue, as Hancock Bank always has a great *Business After Hours*.

There will be door prizes, some very good snacks and refreshments. Be sure to bring along several business cards.

The chamber's After Hours are for members and guests and are always a great time.

It is a time to renew old acquaintances and make new ones.

At one time I knew just about everyone in Hancock County. We have new businesses opening every month in the area and also have many folks moving in who have discovered "the best kept secret." I hope to see you Thursday evening at the Hancock Bank sponsored January *Business After Hours*.

A big plus for Hancock County will take place January 28-31, as Hancock County hosts the Governor's Conference on Tourism.

The conference will take place at Casino Magic's Hotel and will bring tourism leaders across the state to our community.

I know that Beth

Carriere, executive director of the Hancock County Tourism Bureau, and her staff have been working very hard to bring this fine group to Hancock County.

Tourism in Bay St. Louis has played a vital part in the economic development of Bay St. Louis and Hancock County since the late 1800's.

It really got its start when the Louisville and Nashville Railroad came to town, and that enabled easy access for visitors.

In Bay St. Louis there were many hotels, some of which could accommodate over 100 guests.

The three-day conference will be hosted by the Mississippi Tourism Association (MTA), and Carriere has been nominated to serve as president of the association in July 2003.

So, congratulations Beth, on your upcoming position.

In our capital city on Tuesday, the annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Legislative Reception will take place from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Trade Mart in Jackson.

As in past years, the Hancock County Chamber will be involved with the registration table.

This function is a great way to meet our legislators, as this is one reception which has the largest number of state officials attending each year.

Anyone is welcomed to attend, and several folks from the chamber are planning on attending. If you are interested, give the chamber a call and talk to Tish Williams, executive director, for further details, or if you may need a

Good schools, good jobs, good communities

The national recession is hitting the states hard. While many are being forced to take drastic measures to balance their budgets, here in Mississippi we're holding our own. The key is that the national recession will end, and we have to be prepared for that day.

The first step in that preparation is making sure our schools are our top priority. Our investment in education affects every Mississippian, not just teachers or students. Good schools help attract good jobs; good jobs help



From the Governor

By Gov. Ronnie Musgrove

Internet-accessible computer in every one of our 32,354 public school classrooms. We know that investing

in education works. The opportunities that lie ahead call us to keep that investment strong.

We can do that through new initiatives and expansion of existing ones. It's time to take our kindergarten programs one step further. The Summer Start program will do this, with qualified teachers providing our children with the opportunity to enter the school house door better prepared than ever before.

The learning experience shouldn't end when the school bell rings at the end of the day. Thousands of students around the state return to an empty house each day. It's time to expand the successful "Support Our Schools" pro-

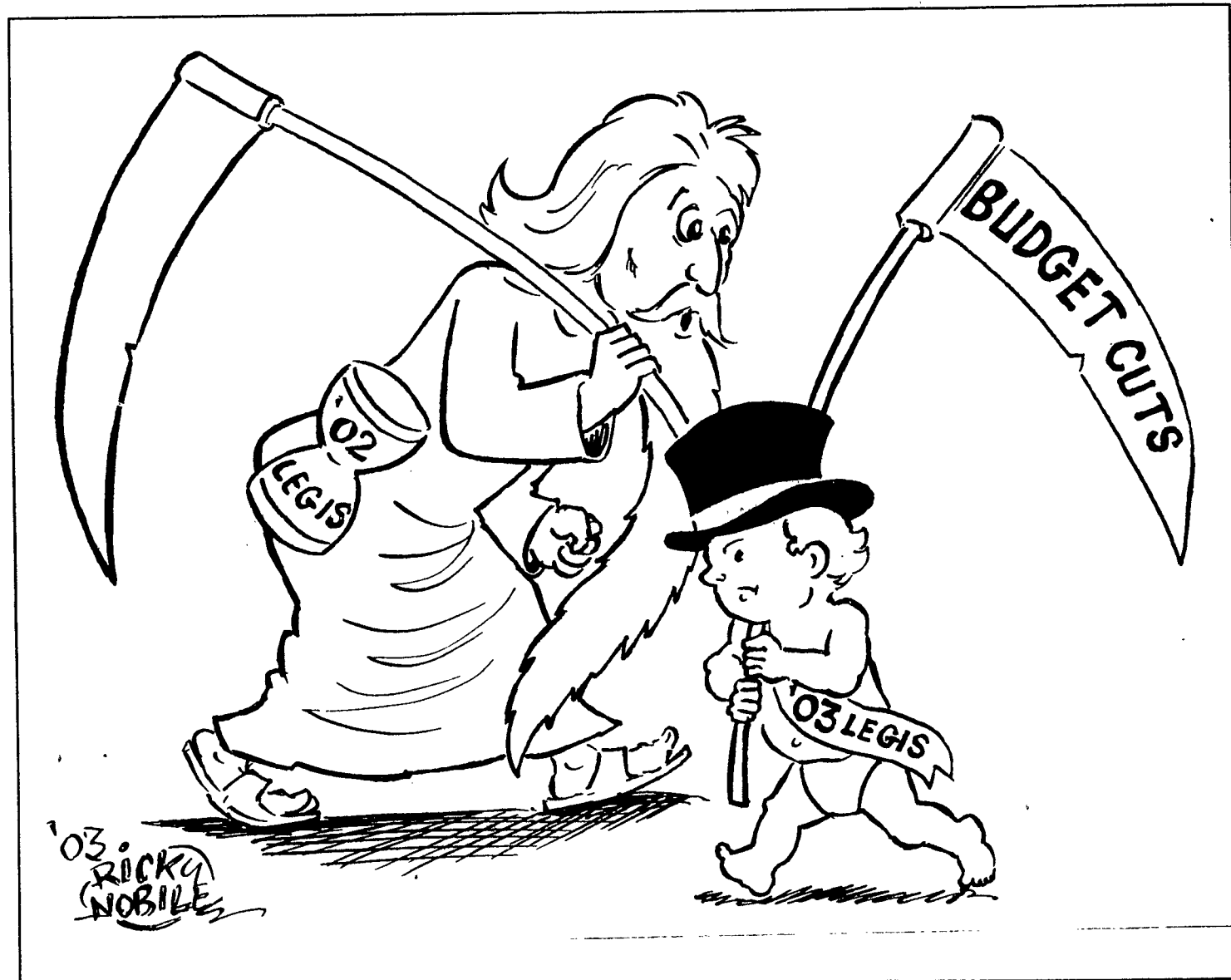
gram from the 30 sites operating around the state to more than 400 sites.

Mississippi's universities and colleges play a critical role in both education and economic development. They are centers of learning, research, development and workforce training. Our investment in them must remain strong.

The best investment we can make is in the \$200 million "brain trust" proposed in my executive budget recommendation. We have to be able to recruit and retain the best minds for the students at our institutions of higher learning.

I'm going to continue fighting to increase our

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Excerpts from the Governor's State of the State address

SCHOOLS FIRST FUNDING

By committing 62% of the general fund budget to education, we can fully fund our K-12 public schools, including the Mississippi Adequate Education Program (MAEP) and the teacher pay raise.

It will also increase support funding for our universities and our local community and junior colleges and will enhance state financial aid for our university students.

SUMMER START

Summer Start provides an extended-year, full-day kindergarten to children by allowing them to begin kindergarten two months the summer before they would ordinarily enter and to continue for two months after kindergarten, right before entering first grade.

This program provides children with the chance to catch up earlier on basic skills so they are developmentally ready to acquire higher skills during the regular kindergarten period.

Approximately \$5 million provides four extra months of instruction. Summer Start will reduce the need for remediation and special education, lower dropout

rates, increase the skills of our workforce, and ultimately save the state millions.

SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS (SOS)

Support Our Students was established in 1995 to provide high quality after-school mentoring activities and related services for at-risk children in grades K-9.

These activities include academic and cultural enrichment and conflict resolution/violence prevention activities. With a \$2 million investment, we can expand the current program of approximately 19 SOS sites to over 250.

MISSISSIPPI BRAIN TRUST

The Mississippi Brain Trust will use \$200 million in bonds - \$20 million a year over the next 10 years - to develop an intellectual infrastructure.

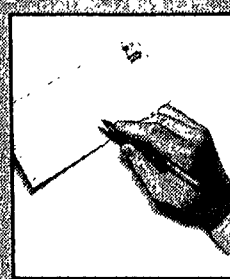
The Brain Trust will build a reservoir of professors to develop new ideas and to prepare our workforce for the highly skilled jobs of today and tomorrow.

University, college, and community college research and training will aid in the recruitment and retention of the world's best scholars. The Brain Trust will

Letters to the Editor

Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.



strengthen Mississippi's intellectual capacity by endowing chain and professors at our universities and colleges and funding graduate student assistantships; sabbaticals with business and industry; major equipment purchases; and workforce training.

MISSISSIPPI RURAL ECONOMIC IMPACT AUTHORITY

The Mississippi Rural Economic Impact Authority will use \$20 million in bonds to provide assistance to new and existing businesses and training for people who have lost their jobs in rural Mississippi.

This program will target counties with a population of 30,000 or less, or a municipality with a population of 10,000 or less.

The first order of business is to put our schools first because we know that communities with good public schools attract good jobs.

Our responsibility is to deal with the impact of the national recession here in Mississippi through sensible policies that protect our citizens in the short term and prepare them for the long term.

My first priority is protecting education and Mississippi's future.

Giving our children the opportunity to succeed - giving them a good education - still remains the best hope for lifting us to greater heights.

Education is not only the concern of the parents and

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State -- of the state, for the state

grandparents. It's a community concern. People want to live in a good community. Good schools attract good jobs, which build good communities.

Higher education has a critical role to play in bringing jobs to Mississippi.

My budget invests 62 percent of the general fund in education. This enhances our future; anything less shortchanges it. I'm fighting to increase funding for education and the people of Mississippi need you to join the fight with me. The beaten path is not always the best. The status quo is simply not good enough.

I am calling on you to appropriate pre-kindergarten through higher education in one comprehensive bill, and at 62 percent of the general fund. Pass it, put it on my desk and I'll sign it -- and I don't mean the last week of March, I mean the third week of January.

Let's prove to the people of Mississippi we care about our schools. Let's prove to them that when it comes to education, we mean business -- and business means jobs.

If we shortchange our investment in education, we shortchange our future, and that's not an alternative I'm willing to accept.

Since January 2000, more than 49,000 new jobs have been created in Mississippi. More than 23,000 of those jobs were created through the expansion of existing industries. Over \$13.5 billion has been invested in new and expanded businesses.

Rural area of this state have been hit hard by NAFTA. In fact they've been hit the hardest. We must be smart and aggressive in creating jobs.

Three years ago, I made a pledge to the people of Mississippi -- unprecedented

ed goals, unparalleled progress. We've forged solutions because we dared to say "we can." Let's be willing to dare again.

In 2000, Governor Musgrove proposed a comprehensive plan to move Mississippi forward by investing in education and creating quality jobs for the people of this state. The Governor's vision stands on three main premises:

- Good Schools
 - Good Jobs
 - Good Communities
- GOOD SCHOOLS**
- Test scores are up -- Princeton Review -- Mississippi testing program 6th best in nation.
 - More high-school students are going to college -- SREB: 62% or 6th highest in nation
 - Quality teachers -- Mississippi is in the top ten in number of board-certified teachers.
 - Teacher pay raise --

moving Mississippi from 49th to 19th

• Computers in the Classroom -- NGA certified -- Mississippi first state in the nation to provide an Internet-accessible computer in every classroom (30,000+)

New initiatives:

- Schools First Funding at 62%
- Summer Start
- Support our Schools (SOS)
- Mississippi Brain Trust

GOOD JOBS

Advantage Mississippi Program

- 49,000 new jobs
- 23,000 from expansion of existing industry
- Over \$13.5 billion invested
- Nissan -- Total investment \$1.5 billion and more than 5,000 new direct jobs
- Top ten in the nation for small business survival
- Civil Justice Reform

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• CDBG, ARC, and DRA grants to communities

GOOD COMMUNITIES

• Medical Malpractice Reform

• Medicaid Flexibility

• West Nile Response

• Children's Health Insurance Program

• Domestic Preparedness and Homeland Security in Mississippi

• DUI .08

• Amber Alert in Mississippi

• Prison Accreditation

• Bridge Program/State Aid Roads

New Initiatives:

- Mississippi Compensation Fund
- Flexibility and funding for Human Services and Corrections

Musgrove -- good stuff

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funding for education. If we shortchange our investment in education, we shortchange our future. That's not an acceptable alternative.

The Legislature has been challenged to produce one

comprehensive appropriations bill for education, funded at the 62 percent level called for in the executive budget recommendation. It's time to prove that we care about our schools. It's time to prove that when

it comes to education, we mean business.

Remember, good schools help attract good jobs; good jobs help build good communities; good communities support good schools. Everyone benefits.

We've made progress on the comprehensive plan presented three years ago.

We've done it because we dared to say "we can." It's time to dare again.

Save Our Children



Photo by Bob Hubbard

New officers

New members of the Save Our Children executive board include, from left, Russell Prottil, chairman of the board; Lonnie Bradley, vice-chairman; Galen Smith, treasurer; and Keisha Porter and Dora Fulton, secretaries.

St. Paul's Carnival group hosts Surf & Turf, roast

The Nanette Carter and Robin Rafferty team for St. Paul's Carnival Association is sponsoring a Surf and Turf dinner and roast of State Rep. Jim Simpson Saturday, Jan. 18 beginning at 6 p.m. in the school's gym, 151 E. Scenic Drive in Pass Christian.

There will be food specially prepared by Joanne Hansen York, the roast of Simpson, live music by Hosey and Brown, and a silent auction.

Prices are \$30 per person or \$50 per couple.

All proceeds benefit St. Paul Catholic School.

For information, call Nanette Carter at 452-3137 or Robin Rafferty at 452-4643.

Mayor Tommy Longo receives award from children's shelter

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Margie Toups, president of the Board of Directors of Hope Haven Children's Shelter, presented a personal letter of commendation to Waveland Mayor Longo and a certificate of appreciation to the City of Waveland for their continuing support to the abused and neglected children of the area.

The award cited Mayor Longo's personal support in helping the organization relocate to a new shelter and to the City of Waveland for the support the various city departments have provided to the organization during the construction process and during the shelter's existence.

Hope Haven's shelter has been located in Waveland for almost seven years and serves children from across South Mississippi who have been physically or sexually

abused or severely neglected.

The shelter has cared for more than 1,500 local children and is a member of the United Way of South Mississippi.



Mayor Tommy Longo

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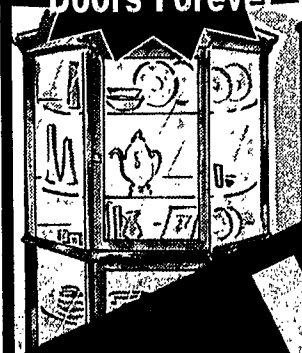
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Marine Resources seeks boaters to remove abandoned crab traps

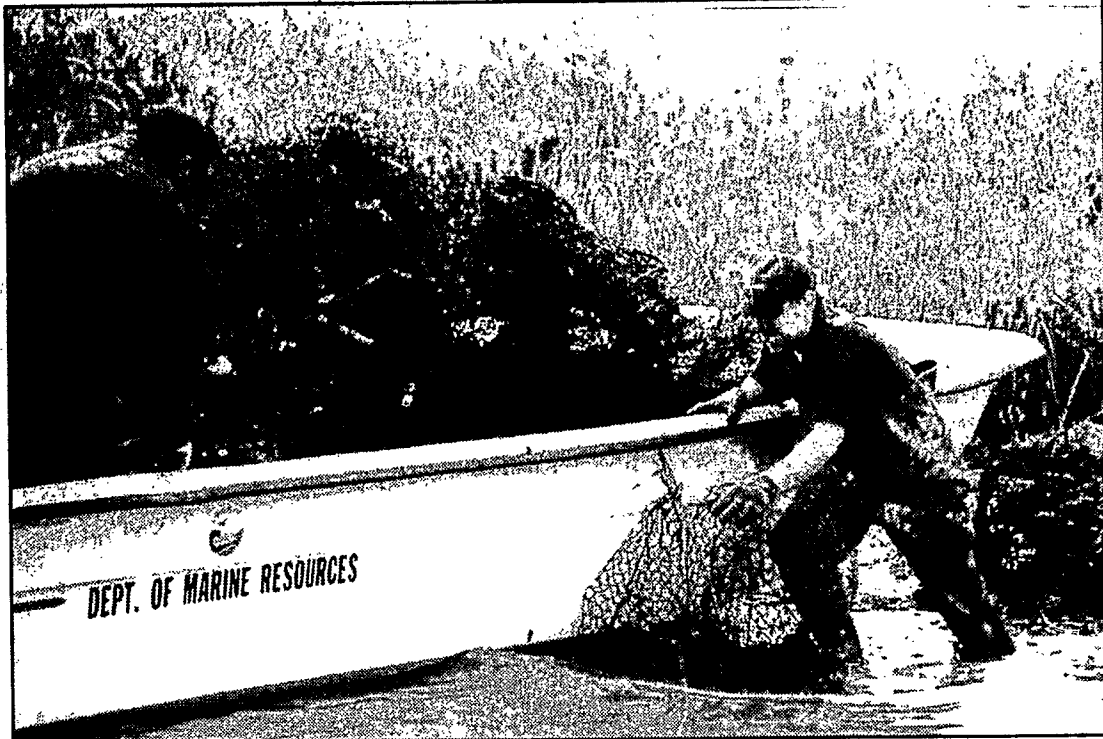
The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) in cooperation with Gulf Coast Research Laboratory (GCRL) is seeking adult volunteers to participate in Mississippi's Derelict Crab Trap Cleanup. Day to remove derelict crab traps and crab pots from Mississippi's marine waters on Saturday, Jan. 25 the last day of the Mississippi closed crab trap season.

To sign up in Hancock and Harrison counties contact: Traci Floyd, DMR, (228) 374-5000; in Jackson County contact Harriet Perry, GCRL, (228) 872-4218.

All volunteers will need to sign a waiver of liability form and will be asked to fill out a data card documenting the number of traps retrieved and bycatch information, such as the number and types of fish or other marine life found in the recovered traps. Derelict trap collection sites will be manned from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25.

Check-in and drop-off sites will be at Bayou Caddy Launching Ramp in Waveland, Ocean Springs Harbor in Ocean Springs and Tuce's Fishing Camp in Gautier.

Recovered traps will be taken to a recycling facility by the DMR. Volunteers



The DMR and GCRL biologists will be removing and collecting data on traps Jan. 21-24 at various sites. The focus will be on submerged traps. The DMR has removed about 2,400 derelict traps since Jan. 2000 when it implemented the program. However, this is the first time DMR has had a closed season on crab traps so it can focus on submerged traps rather than just those in marsh areas or exposed by low tide. (Please note that the closed season applies to crab traps and pots. Drop nets are permissible.) This is a Gulfwide cooperative effort. DMR assisted Texas and Alabama at their crab trap cleanups and has invited their agencies and other Gulf state fish and wildlife agencies to assist.

must check in at one of those three sites.

The closed season for crab traps begins Jan. 14 at 6 a.m. The season will open Jan. 26 at 6 a.m. Licensed recreational and commercial crab trap fishermen may remove their traps from the water during the first seven days of the closure.

After Jan. 20, any traps

remaining in public waters will be considered abandoned and subject to removal. DMR and GCRL biologists will spend Jan. 21 - 24 surveying the derelict traps and collecting bycatch information.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine inter-

ests of the state by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at www.dmr.state.ms.us.

IRS announces first day of e-file season

The Internal Revenue Service announced that taxpayers can begin e-filing their individual income tax returns Friday, Jan. 10.

"Choosing IRS e-file is the quick, easy and smart way to get your taxes done," said Terry Lutes, director of Electronic Tax Administration.

At the start of the filing season, the IRS also reminds taxpayers that they should make sure they have the right income documents before e-filing.

Taxpayers should have copies of all the Forms W-2, W-2G and 1099-R they expect to receive before they e-file. These forms report wages, gambling income and retirement income.

In addition, tax professionals are prohibited from submitting electronic returns to the IRS without getting all Forms W-2, W-2G, and 1099-R from the taxpayer.

Payers should provide these forms to the recipients by January 31.

E-filers using a personal computer enter the data from Forms W-2, W-2G, and 1099-R themselves. This is

similar to attaching the forms to the face of paper tax returns.

Taxpayers who rely on end-of-the-year paystubs to submit tax returns sometimes may not have complete, accurate tax information.

For example, some paystubs do not separate pre-tax deductions - such as 401 (k) contributions - from total income.

More than 545,000 Mississippians chose IRS e-file options in 2002 (47 million nationwide).

The IRS expects an increase in 2003, as more and more taxpayers who file through a computer or a telephone find that e-filing is faster, more accurate and provides confirmation of receipt.

The IRS provides information on its Web site, IRS.gov, about how individuals can e-file. The site includes a list of many software products taxpayers can use to e-file.

There is also contact information, by zip code, of tax professionals authorized to e-file their clients' tax returns.

Faster refunds and more accurate filings are just some of the benefits of e-filing. Taxpayers who choose IRS e-file and the direct deposit option may receive their refunds in as few as 10 days from the time they e-file.

The average e-file refund is issued in 14 days, compared to four to six weeks for a paper tax return. Taxpayers who e-file have more accurate returns, because IRS computers quickly and automatically check for errors or other missing information.

There are three ways a taxpayer can e-file. Individuals can file from a home computer, through a tax professional, and some can file from a touchtone telephone.

Taxpayers with a computer, a modem or Internet access and tax preparation software can e-file their tax returns from home any time, day or night.

To do so, a taxpayer sends a completed, electronic tax return to a transmitter. The transmitter converts the file to an IRS-approved format and then sends the convert-

ed return file to the IRS.

Within 48 hours, the IRS notifies the taxpayer through the transmitter whether or not the return is accepted.

Taxpayers can go to a tax professional who is an authorized e-file provider to e-file their tax returns. Computer filing through an authorized provider has been the core of e-filing since its debut in 1986.

Using this method, tax professionals send clients' returns electronically to the IRS. Some prepare their clients' returns and send them, others take returns prepared by their clients, enter the data, then e-file it with the IRS.

Authorized providers filed 33 million returns in 2002, up 15 percent from the previous year.

Some taxpayers can even file their tax returns over the telephone. Taxpayers who are eligible and who receive a special TeleFile instruction booklet from the IRS can file their tax return with an easy 10-minute telephone call.

It's the easiest way to file. More than 4 million people chose TeleFile during 2002.

NOTICE

The Hancock County Solid Waste Authority will conduct a workshop to be held at 4:00 PM local time on Thursday, January 16, 2003. This workshop will be held at the Depot in Bay Saint Louis, located at 1926 Depot Way. All area Planners and Developers are invited to attend to discuss the moratorium on landfills. Following, the regular monthly meeting will be conducted.

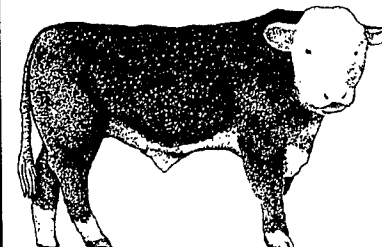
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PRCC offers free GED classes in Hancock

GED Classes
Free GED preparation classes are being offered in Hancock County. These classes are open to area residents who are at least 18 years of age and can help improve basic reading, writing, and math skills.

Classes meet at the PRCC mobile learning lab on the campus of Hancock High School.

Day classes meet Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon.

Night classes are offered on Tuesday and Thursday from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Class times are flexible and can be arranged to meet the needs of individuals.

To enroll, students may attend any class meeting. For more information about Adult Education or GED

testing, call 228-467-4275 or 601-554-5551.

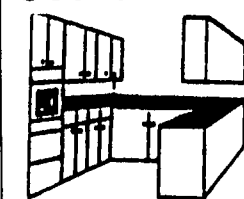
GED Testing
GED testing is available to the public in Hancock County and Poplarville. Tests are given once monthly at each location. The cost for the complete test is \$40. Students must complete pre-registration before testing.

In Hancock County, the test is offered at the PRCC Mobile Learning Lab on the campus of Hancock County High School in the Kiln.

Students may call 228-467-4275 for information about testing requirements, times, and dates.

Poplarville testing is held on the PRCC main campus in Poplarville. For more information, students may call 601-403-1158 or 601-554-5551.

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Hancock Library sees strong increase in usage



The Hancock County Library System provides customers with access to the World Wide Web. More than 7,400 people have used the library's computers to perform research, check e-mail and utilize the programs provided by the Melinda and Bill Gates Foundation.

Public use of the Hancock County Library System's materials and resources registered a very strong jump in use for Fiscal Year 2002 (October 1, 2001 September 30, 2002).

Borrowing transactions increased more than 10% over the previous year to 260,000. Audio/visual items, such as videos, books on tape and books on CD, showed the greatest gain, up 28%.

The number of customers visiting the libraries increased by 13% to 90,000 visits. And these customers asked more than 27,000 reference questions, an increase of 18% over the year before.

Read It On The Road, the system's new collection of books on CD, have proven to be very popular with the library's customers.

During its first month of availability, more than 600 books on CD were borrowed. This collection of 1,000 books on CD was provided

in part by a Library Services and Technology Act grant administered by the Mississippi Library Commission.

The library system's web page, located at www.hancock.lib.ms.us, received 19,599 hits during FY 2001, bringing its grand total to more than 43,000 hits since its unveiling in April, 1999. Usage of the web page is expected to exceed 50,000 hits this month.

The library system now owns more than 105,000 items. During the past fiscal year, the Technical Services Department greatly enhanced four core collections - Adult Fiction, Adult Nonfiction, Juvenile Fiction and Videos. An average of 883 items were processed each month, and 1,319 items were repaired.

MAGNOLIA (Mississippi Alliance for Gaining New Opportunities Through Library Information Access), a statewide collection of databases funded by

the Mississippi Legislature, provides online databases for public libraries.

A total of 1,587 people used this service in the library and 439 accessed MAGNOLIA from home.

Dial Pac, the library system's automated catalog accessible via modem from home, school or work, was used more than 1,300 times. Those people using Dial Pac placed more than 500 reserves on books and other materials.

The library system provides its customers with access to the World Wide Web. More than 7,400 people have used the library's computers in all four branches to perform research, check e-mail and utilize the programs provided by the Melinda and Bill Gates Foundation.

The Hancock County Library System is funded by the cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland and the Hancock County Board of Supervisors.

DIAMONDHEAD WATER & SEWER DISTRICT UNAUDITED REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2002

RECEIPTS		
WATER & SEWER BILLS		\$2,345,640.00
HOOKUPS CHARGES		\$327,100.00
INTEREST INCOME		\$60,993.00
LOANS AND GRANTS		\$0.00
SALE OF INVESTMENTS		\$0.00
OTHER INCOME		\$39,368.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$2,773,101.00
EXPENDITURES		
SALARIES		\$714,653.00
BOARD PER DIEM		\$1,065.00
FRINGE BENEFITS		\$203,428.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES		\$54,793.00
UTILITIES		\$160,951.00
INSURANCES		\$101,478.00
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CONTRACTUAL SERVICES		\$109,870.00
TRAVEL		\$1,703.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY		
EQUIPMENT		\$63,367.00
CONSTRUCTION		\$108,808.00
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS		\$81,575.00
DEBT PAYMENT		
PRINCIPAL		\$356,986.00
INTEREST		\$152,945.00
PURCHASE OF INVESTMENTS		\$169,882.00
OTHER EXPENDITURES		\$95,009.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$2,685,917.00
EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER EXPENDITURES		\$87,184.00
CASH		
BEGINNING	\$871,159.00	ENDING
		\$958,343.00
INVESTMENTS		
BEGINNING	\$1,750,665.00	ENDING
		\$1,920,547.00
DEBTS		
BEGINNING	\$3,391,504.00	ENDING
		\$3,064,518.00

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Civic association shows its appreciation



Hester Plauché, second from left, president of the Henderson Point/Pass Christian Isles Civic Association, presents a plaque of appreciation to Annie Lutz, owner of Annie's Restaurant, for her service to the community. Also pictured are Charles Melson, far left, who also received a plaque of appreciation for his many years of service to the association as president and volunteer. Marlin Ladner, fourth from left, Harrison County Supervisor, and George Payne, Harrison County Sheriff, received plaques for their outstanding service to the people of Henderson Point/Pass Christian Isles. Far right is Bert Butterworth, association secretary.

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Obituaries

MAE COLSON
AGNES HORNE
GEORGE HUNTER
JACQUELINE JACKSON
ALFRED LADNER
RANDALL SMITH II
JOSEPH WYMER

MAE COLSON
 Mae Adam Colson, 97, of Bay St. Louis, died Thursday, Jan. 9, 2003, in Diamondhead.

Mrs. Colson was a native of Bay St. Louis and resided in Diamondhead for the past 17 years. She was also a member of Annunciation Catholic Church in Kiln.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Emile and Elvina Nacaise Adam; her husband, Victor "Nutz" Colson Sr.; two sons, Victor Colson Jr. and Curtis Colson; a daughter, June Colson Stephens; and a grandson.

Survivors include a son, Wayne Colson of Clermont Harbor; two daughters, Gail Colson McConnon and Joyce Colson Hicks both of Diamondhead; 19 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and 24 great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Saturday at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by services and burial in St. Mary Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

AGNES HORNE

Agnes "Polly" Marie Horne, 98, of Bay St. Louis, died Thursday, Jan. 9, 2003, in Bay St. Louis.

Ms. Horne was a native of Chattanooga, Tenn. and a longtime resident of Bay St. Louis. She was a Catholic and was retired after 50 years of service with Civil Service.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John R. and May Hynes Horne; brothers Rodbard Horne and Dr. M. D. Horne; and sisters Elsie Meyers and Sara Louise Horne.

Survivors include nephews John H. Horne of Dacula, Ga., Mark "Sparky" Horne, Jr. of Baton Rouge, and Michael Horne of Waveland; and nieces May Fister of Savannah, Ga., Danielle Des Angles of Kiln, Margaret Scafidi of Savannah, Ga., and Dr.

Maryanne Horne of Ocala. Visitation was Saturday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by a prayer service and interment in St. Mary Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

GEORGE HUNTER

George William Hunter, 46, of Picayune, died Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2003, in Picayune.

Mr. Hunter was a native of Hattiesburg. He was an electrical technician for the U.S. Post Office. He was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church and an Air Force veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Susan M. Hunter of Gulfport; two sons, Joshua Hunter of Japan and Jacob Hunter of Gulfport; two daughters, Helen Hunter of Long Beach and Emily Hunter of Kiln; his mother, Florence Hunter of Picayune; a grandmother, Wanda Converse of Rome, N.Y.; three brothers, Jerald Hunter of Columbia, Michael Hunter of Budapest, Hungary, and Joseph Hunter of Purvis; a sister, Wanda Morris of Picayune; and three grandchildren.

Visitation was Saturday at Picayune Funeral Home followed by services in the funeral home chapel and burial in the New Palestine Cemetery in Picayune.

JACQUELINE JACKSON

Jacqueline Jackson, 58, of Gulfport, died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2003, in Gulfport.

Ms. Jackson was a lifelong resident of Mississippi. She was a Christian. She was retired from the Biloxi VA Medical Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Stephen Jackson and Myrtle Lee Jackson.

Survivors include three sons, David L. Jackson, Ph.D., N.D., and Umar Abdur-Shakur, both of Gulfport, and Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf of Pass Christian; nine sisters, Mary Ella Knight, Deloris Cleveland, Stephen Lee Jackson and Carrie Agee, all of Gulfport, Sonya L. Alexis and Elmira A. Lewis,

both of Bay St. Louis, Hazel Jackson of Pasadena, Calif., Toni M. Lewis of Carsagrande, Ariz., and Rosie Ella Miles of Chicago; three brothers, Robert L. Jackson of Gulfport, Russell Jackson of Tacoma, Wash., and Fredrick E. Jackson of Richmond, Va.; and five grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted Friday at Pine Ridge Garden in Gulfport, directed by Lockett-Williams' Mortuary in Gulfport.

ALFRED LADNER

Alfred "Put" Ladner, 71, of Diamondhead, died Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2003, in Diamondhead.

Mr. Ladner was employed at Highway Department Maintenance and was of the Catholic faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred Ladner Sr. and Onezia Nacaise Ladner; and a daughter, Karen Sue Ladner.

Survivors include his wife, Buella Ladner of Kiln; a son, Arthur Ladner of Gulfport; two daughters, Diann Ladner of Kiln and Michelle Ladner of Kiln; and five grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday evening at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Services were conducted Saturday at Annunciation Catholic Church in Kiln followed by burial in St. Joseph Cemetery at Rotten Bayou in Kiln.

RANDALL SMITH II

Randall Gary Smith, II, 23, a resident of Long Beach, died on Wednesday, January 08, 2003 in Gulfport.

Mr. Randall was a native and lifelong resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast and was a member of Gulf Gardens Baptist Church in Gulfport. He was a 1998

graduate of Long Beach High School where he played on the high school baseball team. He also attended Pearl River Junior College.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Elbert and Leola Smith and his maternal grandparents, Harold and Frances Centerbar.

He is survived by his parents, Gary and Susan C. Smith; a daughter, Taylor Elise Smith; a sister, Danica F. Leger; two nephews, Brandon Leger and Cameron Leger all of Long Beach; paternal grandmother, Helen Carter of Waveland and three uncles and three aunts.

Visitation was Friday at the 25th Avenue Chapel of Riemann Funeral Home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, in the funeral home chapel followed by burial in Evergreen Cemetery in Gulfport.

JOSEPH WYMER

Joseph Lawrence Wymer, 87, of Waveland, died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2003, in Gulfport.

Mr. Wymer was a native of New Orleans, a resident of Waveland for more than 50 years and was a member of St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving in World War II and a DAV member. He was preceded in death by his wife, Louise Wymer; his parents, Joseph and Gertrude Wynes Wymer; and five sisters.

Survivors include sisters Jeanne W. Lister of Bay St. Louis and Marjorie W. Laviolette of Kenner; and a niece, Frances Stewart of Waveland.

Visitation will be Monday, Jan. 13, 1-3 p.m. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Interment will be private at a later date.

Library Story Hours include Colors, Kittens

THE SEA COAST ECHO
 All the Colors of the Rainbow will be the theme for the children's story hour at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 15.

Caps for Sale, Rainbow of My Own and *A Color of His Own* are the books to be read. Susan Daigre, program coordinator, will assist the children in coloring a chameleon.

ABCs is the theme for the children's story hour at the Kiln Public Library on Thursday, January 16, at 10:30 a.m.

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, I Is For Kitten and *ABC I Like Me* are the books to be read during the program.

Children will sing an ABC song and make alphabet soup.

Weekly story hours are held September through May. Programs last approximately one half hour, depending upon subject matter and planned activities.

Programs and activities are designed for pre-school age children three to five years old who are not part of a nursery or pre-school group.

For individual branch story hour information, contact Adrienne Bradley, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, 467-5282; or Sandra Ladner, Kiln Public Library, 255-1724.

Boil water notice lifted

Local water officials on Saturday lifted the boil-water notice for White Cypress Lakes water system. MS Dept. of Health tests indicate the water now meets the standards of the Safe Drinking Water Law. The notice had been in effect since Jan. 1.

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Dr. Herminghuysen's clinic, The Endocrine Care and Education Center, will be located in the Biloxi Regional Medical Suites across the street from the hospital.

Board certified in Endocrinology and Internal Medicine, Dr. Herminghuysen received his Doctor of Medicine from the Louisiana State University School of Medicine. He also completed his Residency in Internal Medicine and his Fellowship in Endocrinology at LSU.

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Patricia Young, died Thursday morning at her home in Kiln, MS. Pat had fought cancer of many organs since 2000. She continued to work through all of her radiation and chemo treatments.

Pat worked for Casino Magic without missing a beat. She would reschedule her doctor appointments in order to be where she was needed at work. She loved Casino Magic, her bosses, peers and Friends, who were Casino Magic players.

Pat was an inspiration and an example of courage and strength to many people. She put smiles on everyone's face by telling jokes and just being PAT. Pat had a great heart and shared it with everybody. During her time of hardship, she even volunteered and worked total days at the children camp that Casino Magic has every year. Nothing slowed Pat down from continuing to help others and bring joy and happiness into their lives. She never complained about pain or being uncomfortable, she just kept on giving, caring and inspiring.

Patricia came from a family of ten. Born in Rock Island, IL to Irma and Raymond Zies, both deceased. Her brothers Richard and Jim Zies also preceded her. She is survived by her sisters, Jean Fields, Denver, Co; Sherry Kinnaman, Phoenix, AZ; brothers, Donald Zies, San Jose, CA; Jay Zies, Phoenix, AZ and Alvin Zies, Denver, Co.

Pat was just a country girl who loved life. She raised Shitzu dogs over the years. She loved her four remaining dogs, Little Bit, Suzie, Barely and Buttons and hoped that they will have a safe and loving life after her passing.

My sister was a special lady and her life needs to be celebrated for being on this earth. This is a tribute to a wonderful person who deserved to be loved and identified as being a part of everyone's life.

I want to thank all of you that touched Pat's life. You kept her strong and happy.

And.. HOSPICE - Pat Jones, Bridgett and Geri - you are a GOD send.

Patricia Young, was not only my sister, a friend, but my hero! She will truly be missed and she will always be in our hearts.

Sherry Kinnaman

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Hancock Commerce with the I Port & Har and the F Tourism Bureau wil Salute to Industry A Friday, Apr Magic Bay Tower Hotl Ballroom. begin at 6p reception business Later, gue spectacula by the pro Casino Entertainmention of ke industry le

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BUSINESS NEWS

Tourism conference deadline is Monday

Beth Carriere, executive director of the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau announces that for the first time, the statewide tourism industry will 4

pilgrimage to Bay St. Louis to participate in the Governor's Conference on Tourism.

The conference will be held at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis January 28-31 and

his hosted by the Mississippi Tourism Association (MTA). Carriere4

has been nominated to serve as President of the Association in July 2003.

The conference them is the Voices and Faces of Tourism, emphasizing the vital role that tourism professionals play in the growth and development of this important industry.

Early birds will enjoy a golf tournament at the Bridges and area shopping.

The opening reception, which starts at 6:30pm, will be hosted by the Tourism Bureau. The conference begins at 9am on Wednesday, January 29. Internationally renowned tourism industry professionals will be on hand to offer expert advice on customer satisfaction, brand

loyalty, communications, referrals and repeat business.

The conference concludes on Friday, January 31 with a farewell breakfast buffet. The fee to register is \$200 for MTA members and \$250 for non-members. The deadline to register is January 13. For details, call the MTA office at 888-812-6738.

Salute to Industry gala set for April 25

Hancock Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission and the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau will host an Annual Salute to Business & Industry Awards Gala on Friday, April 25 at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Bay Tower Hotel in the Cypress Ballroom. The evening will begin at 6pm with a cocktail reception and business-to-business networking. Later, guests will enjoy a spectacular dinner served by the professional staff of Casino Magic.

Entertainment and recognition of key business and industry leaders will top off

the gala evening. During this event, the Chamber will recognize Hancock County's Citizen of the Year. The Citizen of the Year Award recognizes individuals whose contributions to commerce and the community help make Hancock County prosperous and progressive. To submit a nomination, please provide the following information:

* A detailed description of the nominee's contributions to the community and the impact of those contributions;

* Examples of leadership skills and a commitment to improving the quality of life for Hancock County;

* A color photo of the nominee and the name, address and phone number of the nominator.

Nominations can be delivered or mailed to the Hancock Chamber Office or emailed to: tish@han-

Hancock Holding reports record earnings in 2002

Hancock Holding Company (NASDAQ: HBHC) has announced increased earnings for the year ended December 31, 2002. Net income for 2002 was \$51.04 million, an increase of \$11.78 million, or 30%, over net income of \$39.26 million reported for 2001. Diluted earnings per share were \$3.00 for 2002, compared to \$2.36 for 2001.

For the quarter ended December 31, 2002, net income totaled \$13.75 million, compared to \$11.99 million reported for the fourth quarter of 2001. Diluted earnings per share for the fourth quarter of 2002 were \$.82, compared to \$.70 for the same period in 2001. Comparable results for the third quarter of 2002 were net income of \$13.29 million and diluted earnings per share of \$.78.

The Company's returns on average assets and average common stockholders' equity for the year ended December 31, 2002 were 1.32% and 13.13%, respectively, compared with 1.15% and 10.93%, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2001. Annualized returns on average assets and average common stockholders' equity for the fourth quarter of 2002 were 1.39% and 13.87%, respectively, compared with 1.30% and 12.74%, respectively, for the comparable quarter in 2001.

In commenting on Hancock's fourth quarter and year-end results, George A. Schloegel, Chief Executive Officer, stated, "Our 2002 results were achieved through hard work from every area of the institution and reflect the Company's continued focus on enhancing shareholder value. We are proud of what

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The deadline to submit nominations is: February 25 at 5pm. For more information, contact the Hancock Chamber at 467-9048.

Hancock's employees have accomplished in 2002 and will strive to continue providing quality financial services to our market area."

Hancock Holding Company — parent company of Hancock Bank (Mississippi) and Hancock Bank of Louisiana — has assets of \$3.97 billion. Founded in 1899, Hancock Bank stands among the strongest, safest five-star financial institutions in America. Hancock Bank operates 102 full-service offices and over 140 automated teller machines throughout South Mississippi and Louisiana as well as subsidiaries Hancock Investment Services, Inc., Hancock Insurance Agency, Hancock Mortgage Corporation, and Harrison Finance Company.

Investors can access additional corporate information or on-line banking and bill pay services at www.hancockbank.com <<http://www.hancockbank.com>>.

King named CEO at Halter Marine

General (Ret.) John Coburn, CEO and chairman of VT Systems Inc., announced the appointment of Boyd E. (Butch) King as CEO of VT Halter Marine Inc. at a company event celebrating the acquisition of VT Halter Marine.

Most recently a senior associate with Booz Allen and Hamilton, King consulted on various logistical support projects. Among others, this included the study and recommendation to revamp the Balkan Military Support initiative for the United States Army Europe. King also played an instrumental role in developing the Capstone Training Course for the first Interim Brigade Combat Team command and staff for the Army's Training and Doctrine Command.

Prior, King had a successful 35-year career in the U.S. Army, culminating in his appointment as Director of Transportation Energy and Troop Support on the Army staff.

In this position, he was responsible for a \$3.9 billion dollar program to improve power projection platforms in the United States.

During his Army career, he was at the helm of various logistic operations which included the shipping of combat equipment in support of operations in Haiti to meet National Command Authority requirements for deployment.

King was also in charge

of the management and tracking of 12,000 ocean shipping containers worldwide; and the movement of Department of Defense cargo and personnel through Army and civilian seaports worldwide. He retired in 1998 as a Brigadier General.

King received a master's of business administration, with a concentration in logistics from the Florida Institute at Technology; and a bachelor of arts degree from Auburn University. He also graduated from the Army War College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

King reported to his new position Jan. 2.

VT Halter Marine Inc., based out of Gulfport, is a leader in the design and construction of small- to medium-sized ships in the United States. Acquired by VT Systems in October 2002, VT Halter Marine designs, builds and repairs a wide variety of ocean going vessels such as patrol vessels, oil recovery vessels, oil cargo vessels, ferries, ocean barges and research ships.

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ONLY MINUTES FROM DIAMONDHEAD

Cup -- Mayor's challenge

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shooting groove until late in the game. The Tigers shot 13-of-36 from the field, 3-for-14 from beyond the arc, and 4-for-10 from the charity stripe.

Bay High head coach Debbie Triplett stated, "Hancock played a solid game. We shot the ball very poorly. The loss will probably do us some good because we needed a wakeup call. Teams struggle to get better with lopsided victories. I hope this game got our attention to the work that we need to do. Now, we just get back after it and work harder."

The Lady Hawks (16-5) managed a 13-9 lead after the first period but the Lady Tigers took a 23-22 advantage at the break. Hancock surged ahead in the third period to claim a 36-29 advantage before the final period. Late in the game Bay High (21-1) went to the charity stripe with 41 left in the game. The Lady Tigers missed both free throws which ultimately decided the outcome. Each team featured just one scorer in double-digits. For Hancock it was Brooke Necaise with 12 points while Kendra Reed led Bay High with 10 points.

Hancock head coach Pam Slayton recalled, "I thought

we had control of the game for the most part. Bay High got into a groove late in the game and came at us hard and we had to hold on. It was a back and forth game and the Lady Tigers are fierce fighters. Coach Debbie Triplett does a very fine job with the team. Our players competed with great heart. It is a very satisfying win for us."

In the boys game, defense was the name of the game for SSC in the first half. SSC (19-2) held Bay High (4-14) to just nine points in the first 12 minutes of action. SSC jumped out to a 30-9 lead by the end of the first period. Bay High did not score from the 3:04 mark of the first period to the 4:40 mark of the second period. SSC held a convincing lead at the half 51-21.

Bay High head coach Alan Lumpkin stated, "The game was won in the first period. SSC played with great intensity on defense, on offense, both mentally and physically. The Rock-achaws are a hot team right now and they showed that tonight. We did not match their intensity on the defensive side of the ball and that was the difference in the game. The rest of our schedule is dominated by division games. We need to

get back to work and win the games that we are supposed to win so that we can be in a good position for the division tournament."

Lorenzo Lewis and Eric Lymuel led the Tigers in scoring with 11 points each. The Rocks were led by Darius Acker with 27 points followed by Mario Faranda with 17 and Rob Murray with 16.

SSC head coach Jay Ladner commented, "On Tuesday night, I thought that we did not play very well against Gautier. We got back to work after that game and recommitted ourselves. I was very proud of the way our players took that to heart. Our defensive effort in the first 12 minutes of the game was as intense as we have played all year. It was a total team effort on both sides of the ball. Against Gautier we played as individuals. Tonight, we concentrated on team effort. The Bay High Tigers played extremely hard and did not give up the fight. Coach Alan Lumpkin is doing a very fine job with the players."

For Bay High Marquez Singleton was named the Most Valuable Player while SSC named Darius Acker and Gabe Willis as Co-MVPs.

Chemical -- courthouse

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brought in by G. M. and R. reported that various chlorinated compounds, including, but not limited to Aldrin and Chlordane were sufficient in quantity to list the soil in the area as hazardous. The sample also found traces of the pesticides Dieldrin and Endrin, the report said.

The report outlining the test performed by ES said that the entire area should be placed off limits to personnel until which time a corrective action plan could be constructed and implemented. ES recommended the removal and disposal of all contaminated soil to insure compliance with associated regulations and to avoid future liabilities.

Bonner concluded that test procedures used were outlined by an EPA manual. The test found the following amounts in a soil sample: Aldrin (14,600 ppb), Chlordane (11,600 ppb), Dieldrin (7,600 ppb) and Endrin (1,120 ppb). Bonner recommended the notification of the MDEQ to work out a remediation plan. They also recommended additional tests of the immediate area and groundwater in the perimeter and immediate area.

Follow up tests performed by CAC, four from the crawl space and two from the perimeter reported all samples from the crawl space to contain Chlordane, two to contain Aldrin and Endrin and on of the six samples to contain only Aldrin.

They too concluded that the sampling indicated health hazards, and that the illness of the workers could have resulted from exposure to pesticides in the soil.

Chlordane, Aldrin and Dieldrin were used mainly to control termites. Endrin was used mainly as an agricultural pesticide.

In November the Center for Toxicology and Environmental Health, at the request of Compton Engineering performed further, more extensive tests of both the soil and air in the crawl space.

Their report said that they identified no environmental hazard or infectious agent that would explain the symptoms experienced by the workers.

A letter from CTEH went on to say that the consultants (CAC, ES and Bonner) who evaluated the soil sample data had contributed to

the irrational concern regarding the health risks from working in the crawl space. Further, CTEH said, there is no scientific basis that would relate the workers health complaints to the presence of pesticides in the work area, because levels were below OSHA standards. A call for a cleanup at the site was based on the misuse of the MDEQ TRG's as criteria for crawl space soils, CTEH said.

CTEH called for no soil remediation action and recommended that workers wear protective dust masks and clothing to return to work safely under the health and safety plan developed by the county at the request of the MDEQ.

At present, G. M. and R. employees continue their work on the outside of the building, but have not returned to work under the building. Negotiations between the contractor and the county are expected to continue at the next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors on January 22. To finish the required construction in the confined space under the courthouse, said architect Ed Wikoff, about one month of full time work would be required.

Drugs -- record

Continued from Page 1A

Garber said that the amount of drugs agents seized included, 226 pounds of marijuana, 52 marijuana plants, 2.4 ounces of crack cocaine, 5.51 pounds of powder cocaine, 33.9 grams of methamphetamine and

1,305 pills."

During 2002, five methamphetamine labs were shut down in the county and there were six charges that involved precursors, Garber said.

Garber offered high

praises for the Narcotics Division saying, "I look forward to 2003 and future endeavors of Director Karl and his agents, as they work toward making Hancock County closer to being drug free."

Democratic Executive Committee meets

The Hancock County Democratic Executive Committee will conduct its monthly business meeting, Monday, Jan. 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis

Library, 312 Highway 90. Members and guests are invited to attend. Officers of the committee should try to attend the meeting a half-hour earlier to review meet-

ing agenda and attend to any business unrelated to the agenda.

For more, call Committee Chairwoman Betty Tolar at 228-467-0350.

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You must be living in your home on or before January 1, 2003 to qualify for homestead exemption. The property must be your primary residence in order to qualify.

The following information is needed to file your application.

- Warranty deed
- Cost of property
- Down payment amount
- License plate numbers for vehicles registered in Hancock County. (All vehicles owned must be registered in Hancock county)
- If you are over 65 proof of age
- If you are receiving 100% disability benefits proof of your disability.
- Is any part of the property rented?

You must re-file your homestead exemption application if

- You became 65 on or before January 1, 2003.
- You became 100% disabled on or before January 1, 2003.
- You acquired a new residence.
- You acquired additional property that adjoins your homestead.
- Your marital status changed (divorced, windowed, separated etc.)

If you have any questions please call 228-467-4425 or 888-409-6239

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SPORTS

Bay-Waveland Yacht Club wins in Sugar Bowl Regatta

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The sailing team of Bernie Wolfe and Bishop Stieffel from Bay-Waveland Yacht Club, and Vivian Gaudet from Fairhope Yacht Club took first place in the Flying Scot Open Class fleet of the 2002 Nokia Sugar Bowl Regatta.

The five-race series of the month-long regatta, hosted by Southern Yacht Club, took place over the weekend of Dec. 28 - 29. They finished the series with four first place finishes and one third in a 10-boat fleet for a total of seven points.

Larry Taggart from Southern Yacht Club finished second with a total of 12 points. Bill Warden, the sailing coach from the State University of New York Maritime (SUNY Maritime), took third place

with 15 points.

Coach Warden had brought two sailing teams from New York to race in the two-day collegiate competition that started the next day.

The first race on Saturday was sailed in a moderate, shifting wind that decreased significantly during the second race. The next three races, on Sunday, were sailed in a building, shifting wind that taxed the sailing abilities and tactical skills of the competitors.

Bishop Stieffel also raced in the Sunfish fleet, and won it for the second consecutive year. He was one of 12 BWYC skippers entered in the eight-race, 24-boat competition.

Clinton Edwards and Marcus Eagan from BWYC took second and fifth. Bishop even found the energy to race in the Vanguard 15 class.

He was surprised with a special award for competing in so many classes. His first

place finish in the Sunfish class earned for him first place in a year-long open competition between sailors from BWYC and the other clubs in the Gulf Yachting Association.

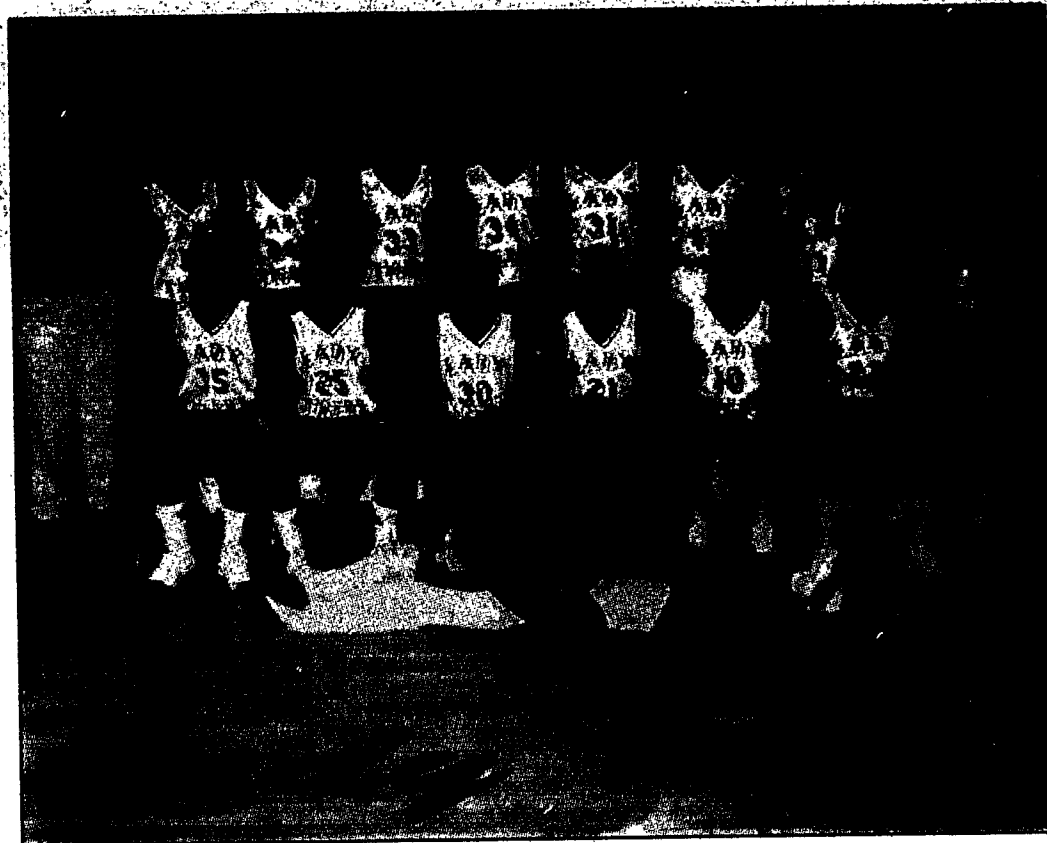
Zac Fanberg with crew Sarah Taylor took first place out of 12 boats in a seven-race series for the Vanguard 15 class. They were one of four BWYC teams competing in the class.

Marcus Eagan placed third, Bishop Stieffel fifth, and Andrew Eagan took eighth.

Then two weeks later, Fanberg teamed with his crew of Randy Santa Cruz, and Katherine Santa Cruz to sail their Flying Scot to a third out of eleven boats in the Race of Champions series.

Another BWYC team led by Marc and Bubby Eagan sailed their boat, No Fear, to a tie for first place in the PHRF Class A fleet, but the other boat won the tiebreaker for first.

They're No. 1!



The Bay High Lady Tigers are the number-one ranked girls' basketball team in the state of Mississippi, with a record of 21 wins and 1 loss for the regular season. Staff writer Joseph W. Gex II takes an in-depth look at the teams highs and lows this season in Thursday's edition of The Sea Coast Echo.

Lady Tigers defeat Picayune

Lady Tigers-Picayune

The Bay High Lady Tigers edged visiting Picayune 3-2 Tuesday night in division soccer action. Brittany Strong scored two goals and Jessica Hearty one for the Lady Tigers. Kayleigh Davis and Danielle LeBlanc had assists. "Whitney Thomas and Jessica Johnson stood out in a good defensive effort to help keep Picayune from coming back late in the game," said coach Lee Bosarge.

The Lady Tigers are 4-5 overall and 2-2 in division play.

The team will host Poplarville Tuesday night.

OLA-N. Forrest

Our Lady Academy picked right back up where they left off at the Christmas break with a 10-0 bashing of North Forrest Wednesday night in high school soccer. The three time defending state champs ran their record to 12-0-3 with the win.

Rachel Cranford, Katherine Milner and Lauren Renz each scored two goals for OLA. Lauren Rittner, Kara Harshbarger, Lauren Goulet and Laura Ellis scored one goal each. Annie Giardino recorded the shutout in goal.

In the junior high game, OLA won 2-0. Shelby Wild and Amanda Meyers scored for the Crescents. Amelia Simpson and Bri Johnston combined in goal for the shutout.

The OLA junior high team also defeated Ocean Springs 4-0 Thursday night. Shelby Wild had two goals while Olivia Hoff and Jaimie Reisch had one each. Margaret Rittner had two assists and Reisch and Amanda Meyers had one each. Amelia Simpson and Bri Johnston combined for the shutout.

The junior high team is 7-0 on the season and will host Biloxi Monday night at 5:30 p.m.

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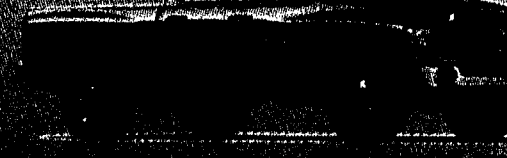
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THE SEA COAST ECHO

Mississippi landowners enjoy a rare opportunity this year: Readily available tree planting cost-share money and an abundant supply of exceptional quality seedlings.

The Mississippi Forestry Commission's forest management director Darlene Slater says cost-share assistance through Mississippi's Forest Resources Development Program is now available.

"There's been a long waiting list for funds, but sign-ups have been slow this year, so we've worked down our back-log and are ready to take new applications," she says.

Slater says Mississippi tree nurseries still have a good selection of seedlings — both pines and hardwoods, which is unusual for so late in the year.

"Conditions were perfect this past summer, and our nurseries produced some very high-quality seedlings. Sales have been down a little, and we still have some species available," she says.

Slater advises improved loblolly pines are available for both north and South Mississippi and improved slash pines are available for south Mississippi.

She says that north Mississippi landowners should especially note that genetically improved, second-generation north Mississippi loblolly pines are still available, and south Mississippi landowners and conservationists working to restore the state's dwindling longleaf pine forest should be pleased to know that containerized longleaf pine seedlings are still available.

State Forester Jim Sledge says it appears that interest in tree planting is down this year, probably due to the economic slump. "This is a situation astute landowners can use to their advantage," he says, "because this year there won't be the usual last-minute scramble for labor, seedlings and funding."

Sledge says every year landowners delay planting unused agricultural or cut-over or understocked forest land means lost opportunity.

"In a few years, landowners who take advantage of this opportunity will be glad they did, because they'll have a profitable crop of trees growing on what would otherwise be unproductive land. Landowners who delay are losing money every year."

Information about technical forestry assistance, cost-share funds and ordering seedlings is available from your local county forester at or the Forestry Commission's State Office at 601-359-1386.

Till, we meet again



Norman Winter

Make soil preparation a resolution for new year

SOUTHERN GARDENING
BY NORMAN WINTER
MSU Horticulturist
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2003 garden catalogues are arriving every day, and Norman Winter is constantly telling you about new plants for the spring. As you sit by the fire on these cold blustery days making plans for the garden, reflect back and ask yourself how your flowers performed last year.

Did the water drain well after the heavy rains? Did the roots expand outside the rootball? Did the flowers perform well? These are all good questions, which lead me to remind you that the key to the green thumb is how brown it gets first in soil preparation.

With every plant I've promoted in my columns, I have mentioned soil preparation. Very few plants can thrive by simply digging a hole and planting them. I have seen some practically use a hammer and chisel to form a hole in the clay and then cram in the marigold — that never had a prayer of surviving.

Actually, most of us do not have the ideal soil for bedding plants, annuals or perennials. Roots of bedding plants have to pene-

trate soils quickly, anchor plants and absorb water and nutrients, often under adverse conditions.

In many cases, the lots where our homes are sitting have had the topsoil scraped off and a material that is hardly suitable for plant life brought in for the foundation and unfortunately, the flower or shrub beds, too.

But all hope is not lost.

We can have beautiful flowers, and many are indeed tough in our climate, but we first have to give them a good home for their roots. With such a great importance aesthetically and financially to our home, it only make sense to do the job right the first time.

Plants require oxygen, nutrients and water for proper growth. The soil texture plays the most impor-

tant role in determining whether or not those three needs are met sufficiently to allow the plant to become established and perform to expectations. Desirable soil has the ability to hold water while allowing for adequate drainage. It also provides proper oxygen for root development.

If you are unsure of your soil type but believe internal drainage is poor, you

can do a simple test. Use a large coffee can (about 46-ounce size) with the top and bottom removed. Dig a 4-inch-deep hole and set the can on the floor of the hole; firm the soil around the can so water cannot slip under the bottom edge.

Fill the can to the top with water; wait an hour and then measure the water level. If the water level drops at least 2 inches in one hour the drainage is considered normal. If the level drops more than 5 inches in 1 hour, it is considered excessive. If the level doesn't seem to drop at all, the soil drainage is poor.

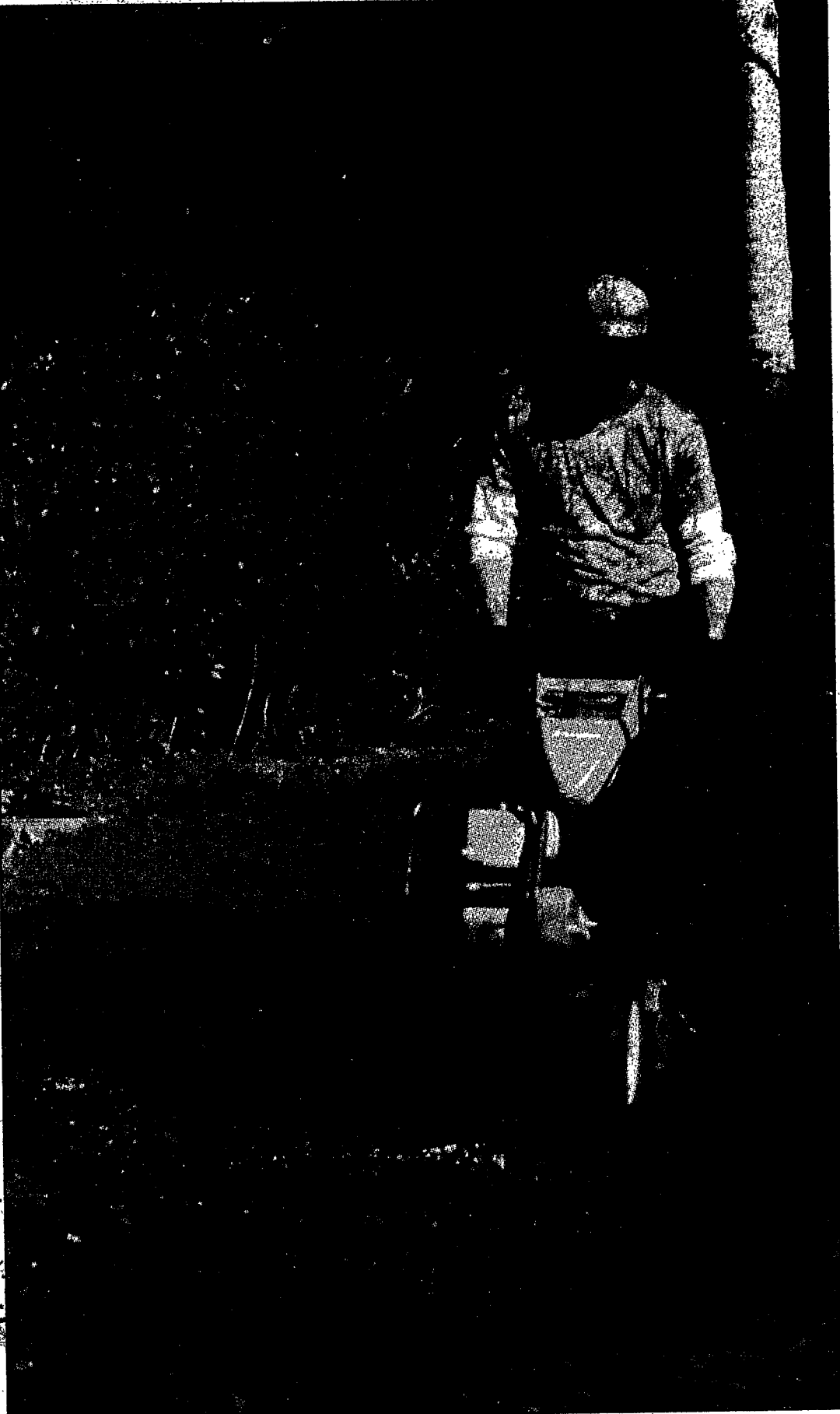
Clay soils usually result in poorly drained planting sites unless steps are taken to correct the situation. Not only do they have a tendency to be poorly drained, but they are also easily compacted, which prevents water penetration, oxygen exchange and good root development.

Amending the planting area is one of the best ways to have success over these conditions. Add organic matter such as fine pine bark, (pieces less than one-half inch), leaf mold, compost, peat and sand. Incorporating a 3 to 4 inch layer of organic matter in with the native soil allows the bed to be built up and provides excellent drainage.

This same organic matter will benefit gardeners with an excessively sandy soil structure. These sandier soils dry quickly and allow for rapid leaching of nutrients. The organic matter will assist the water holding capacity greatly and will hold valuable nutrients.

Next week, I'll be back touting a new plant to look for this spring or perhaps a tree or shrub that needs planting. But rest assured, I'll still preach soil preparation first.

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Prepare your soil now for a fine, healthy garden this spring.

The Frog, the Dragon, the Tiger and the undulating Snake, (or how many persons does it take to change a light bulb?)

First of all I want to state very definitely that I am not superstitious or that I agree that there is a mysterious, at times malevolent, force that we must constantly placate to exist.

I feel worrying about things like whether Leos and Aries should hold hands, or should I stay in bed on Friday the 13th, or walk in the street to avoid cracks in the sidewalk is, well, not the path of my

particular che.

In my younger years the world was a simpler place: I was told and felt strongly that the saying, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going," was gospel, something handed down from

the Mount with the other tablets. I was positive that when things started to go bad, that if I would just try a little harder.

Remember the old television show "Mission Impossible?" In those days I fully believed that

when the team's technician hung in an elevator shaft from a rope and opened a fuse box (an electrical diagram for which he had conveniently found in some office. They didn't have the web in those days), that it was indeed possible for him to reach inside, and flip the correct fuse amid the dozen or so inside so that somewhere a critical-to-the-show's-plot electrical apparatus would turn off. Wham! And from this simple Wham, his cohorts would be able to routinely

foil the doings of that night's evil doers.

Did you believe that? I did. It all seemed to me in those halcyon days to be very, very possible.

Not halting the evil doers, not that. That was a given. No, I mean his finding the correct fuse. The thought that some sub-contractor may have omitted the entire fuse box as an economy step during the elevators installation, was absolutely alien to my thought.

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Views From a Front Porch

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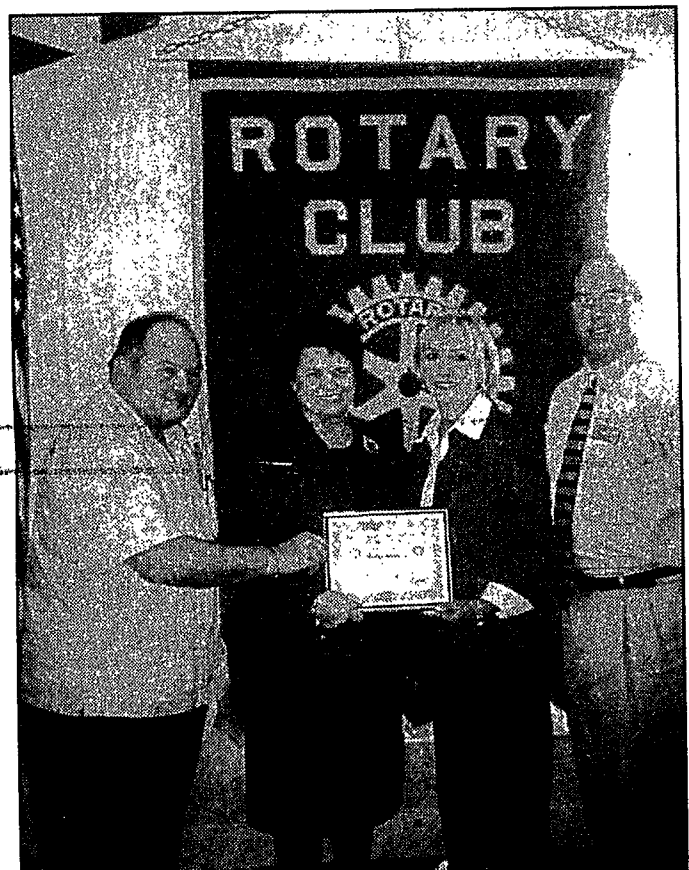


Photo courtesy of Bob Hubbard
The Bay St. Louis Rotary Club recently honored Martha Merrigan, second from right, as its Teacher of the Month for December. Also pictured are Migliore's principal at Bay Catholic Elementary, Rosemary Migliore; Bob Hubbard, left, chairman of the Rotary Club's education committee; and Bay Rotary President Cary Trapani.

SEAP student program application deadline

THE SEA COAST ECHO
SEAP Student Program Application Deadline Is January 30.

Applications for the Science and Engineering Apprentice Program at the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL), Stennis Space Center, must be postmarked by January 30, 2003 in order to be eligible for this summer's session.

The program is administered by George Washington University and awards grants to high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Students then have the opportunity to learn from practical on-the-job experience under a mentor who is a scientist or engineer.

The apprenticeship is tailored to the student's interests and capabilities, and meets the requirements of the research being conducted at the Laboratory. Students gain a first-hand understanding of scientific methods, and foster their interest in pursuing college-level training that could lead to careers in science, and engineering.

Areas to work in include studying typhoon events, using high tech computer programs to study mine warfare, analyzing sediments on high powered electron microscopes, studying data on water formations, designing 3-dimensional numerical models, and

much more.

The summer session at NRL will be from June 2 through July 25.

Applications can be obtained from your school's guidance counselor, online at <http://www.gwseap.net>, or by calling Becky Rotundo at 228-688-5328.

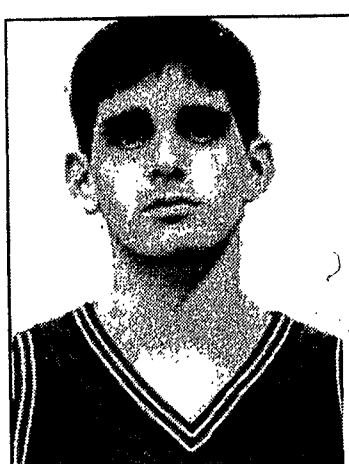
Chandler Allee receives national recognition

St. Stanislaus College High School senior Chandler Allee of Pass Christian has been selected for membership in The National Society of High School Scholars. Allee is scheduled to graduate in May of 2003 and plays forward for the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws.

The Society inducts only the most outstanding high school students and honors them for superior academic achievement.

Claes Nobel, honorary chairman of the Society, states, "The hard work and success of today's youth provide the foundation for a future dedicated to community and world betterment. I congratulate Chandler on being recognized as one of the most outstanding high school students in the nation."

Claes' family established the Nobel Prizes in 1901 in order to note outstanding contributions in the fields of peace, literature, medicine, chemistry, and physics. More than a century later, these



Chandler Allee

renowned awards continue to distinguish scientists, authors, and leaders in a world forum.

The mission of The National Society of High School Scholars is to recognize and encourage academic excellence among the most exceptional high school upperclassmen.

The Society selects students nationally and awards this distinction on a very limited basis. Membership is by invitation only, extended by Chair Claes Nobel.

Taylor on Honor Roll at Oregon State

Names of students who have made the Scholastic Honor Roll fall term have been announced by Oregon State University.

A total of 525 students earned straight-A (4.0). Another 2,550 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing.

To be on the Honor Roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

Students on the Honor Roll included senior Jason L. Taylor of Kiln with a 3.5 GPA or better in environmental science.

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Madia J'Nae Fairconnetue and Robert Lewis Smith

Fairconnetue-Smith

Nathaniel and Paula Fairconnetue of Bay St. Louis announce the engagement of their daughter Nadia J'Nae Fairconnetue to Robert Lewis Smith. He is the son of Alpha and Vera Smith of Tuskegee, Alabama.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Our Lady Academy and a 2001 graduate of Tuskegee University with a bachelor's degree in accounting. She is currently a Financial Analyst at GE Aircraft Engines in Cincinnati, Ohio and will graduate from its Financial Management Program in 2003. She is a member of Golden Key National Honor

Society, Beta Gamma Sigma Business Honor Society, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

The future groom is a 1995 graduate of St. Jude High School.

He attended Auburn University of Montgomery, AL majoring in Business Management and is currently a Certified Sales Consultant for the Kenwood Dealer Group in Cincinnati, Ohio.

His grandparents are Sarah and Ethel Williams of Tuskegee, Alabama.

Vows will be exchanged May 17, 2003, at St. Rose deLima Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

American Cancer Society nutrition and physical activity guidelines encourage healthy lifestyle

American Cancer Society Nutrition and Physical Activity Guidelines for Cancer Prevention place more emphasis on the importance of physical activity for both youths and adults and provide a first-time recommendation for communities to play a role in improving the health of their residents.

Research shows that for the majority of Americans who do not smoke, a healthy diet and being physically active are the most effective ways to prevent cancer. Dietary factors rank as high as tobacco use among established causes of cancer.

"People planning to make changes in their diet and looking to adopt a healthier lifestyle should be sure to also include a strong commitment to regular physical activity," said Tim Byers, MD, MPH and professor of preventive medicine at the University of Colorado Health Science Center and national volunteer for the American Cancer Society.

According to the Society, nearly one-third of more than 500,000 annual U.S. cancer deaths are attributable to diet and physical activity habits.

On average Americans eat 3.88 servings of fruit and vegetables each day with 24% of Americans eating less than five or more servings, and 36% eating fewer than three servings each day.

The statistics are equally dismal when it comes to physical activity with 27% of Americans engaging in no physical activity. Unsurprisingly, the percentage of overweight Americans has skyrocketed.

Physical activity accelerates the movement of food through the digestive system, lowering colon cancer risk by reducing the time

that the lining of the bowel is exposed to potentially cancer-causing substances.

Physical activity's likely role in breast cancer risk reduction is that it decreases the amount of exposure of breast tissue to circulating estrogen.

"Based on this evidence, we encourage people to be active for at least thirty minutes on five or more days of the week," said Byers.

To reduce individual cancer risk, the American Cancer Society recommends people to eat a variety of healthful foods with an emphasis on plant sources, adopt a physically active lifestyle, maintain a healthful weight throughout life and limit alcohol consumption.

The American Cancer Society also suggests that the community work to increase access to healthy foods in schools and work-sites; provide a safe, enjoyable and accessible environment for physical activity in schools; provide easy access to transportation and recreation; and work to establish public policies that support good nutrition on all government levels.

Every five years, the American Cancer Society works with experts in the fields of nutrition, physical activity and cancer prevention to review current scientific evidence and develop recommendations that reflect the best of what is known about the relationship between diet, activity and cancer risk.

For more information about the guidelines and to obtain a copy of *Living Smart* the American Cancer Society's guide to eating healthy and being active, call toll-free 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit the Website at www.cancer.org

Groundbreaking scheduled Monday for PRCC's new technology center

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HATTIESBURG - Pearl River Community College will break ground at 10 a.m. Monday on an Advanced Technology Center that is expected to be a significant economic tool for this area of South Mississippi.

The ATC, which will be located on 12 acres in the Hattiesburg-Forrest County Industrial Park, is part of the Southeast Mississippi Center for Advanced Technology Partnership established by the Mississippi Legislature. The Mississippi Legislature set aside \$4 million to build the ATC, along with a \$1 million match in local funds - \$500,000 from the city of Hattiesburg, \$400,000 from Forrest County and \$100,000 from the Asbury Foundation. Gov. Ronnie Musgrove will deliver the keynote address.

"We have a good location near the (Forrest County) Multi Purpose Center," said Dr. William Lewis, president of PRCC. "We look forward to getting this project underway. We believe that the opening of the building

and Advanced Technology Center will be a significant economic development magnet for our entire region of the state. The advanced skills training that will occur as part of the center's activities will be a real draw for developing new businesses and industries in South Mississippi, as well as enhancing opportunities for current industries."

The final approved design is a 35,000 square foot, two-story facility. The structure will include space for the Workforce Development Center staff offices, 3 classrooms, 2 computer labs, a business incubator, industrial maintenance training facilities and equipment, CAD, Network, Remote Sensing and Leadership training, auditorium seating 160 persons, large conference room seating 25 persons, and a dining room with kitchen for catering food service.

Ed Felsher, director of PRCC Workforce Development Center, said the new center will greatly enhanced training facilities. "With the limited resources

we have now we can't accommodate all of the business and industry training needed, especially in areas of maintenance, remote sensing and leadership training," Felsher said. "In all of those areas we will be able to move to a more sophisticated, higher level of training because the resources will be available. We consider ourselves leading the way in Mississippi moving to the next level. This is actually essential if the state is going to meet its goals to develop a world-class workforce in Mississippi that would attract business and industry, and make our businesses and industry globally competitive."

Tracie Fowler, formerly one of the Workforce Development Center's Training Project Managers, has been selected to serve as Programs Coordinator

for the Advanced Technology. "The ATC will play an important role in creating a workforce that can help business and industry become more competitive in a global marketplace," said Fowler. "My job over next year will be to develop those programs and have them ready to go when the doors open."

Mac's Construction Co. of Hattiesburg won the bid to build the center, which will take 14 months to complete, for \$3,730,700.

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Some people get bored with their careers years after graduating from college, but they don't have the time or the drive to go back for another degree.

The answer for them may be online professional development courses through the University of Mississippi's Office of Professional Development and Non-Credit Education. The courses, designed by Gatlin Education Services, offer certification in specialized fields.

The courses allow students to work at their own pace on their own computers. They are coached, by tutors via an online connection. Enrollment periods are open-ended, and course completion usually takes three to six months, said Lynne Geller, director of Professional Development and Non-Credit Education.

"Most adults readily acknowledge that their time can be well spent by advancing their knowledge in a given field or by developing new talents.

A degree is not required as a prerequisite for enrollment, each individual determines the course completion period, the costs are quite reasonable, and the University of Mississippi will provide certification of successful course completion."

Visit <http://www.outreach.olemiss.edu/ProfDev/> for expanded descriptions of courses, a course demonstration and an online registration form.

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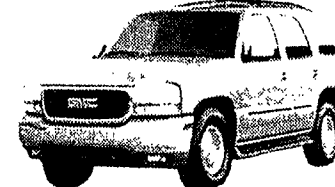


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Views -- light bulbs?

And so it went. Remember I was very, very young. In my naïveté, I walked in a world that I thought was granite. A world that things that were to be so, were. And they were absolutely so. A world in which 2 plus 2 always equaled 4.

A world controlled solely by logic and deviations from a logical universe were not just impractical, but impossible for me to conceive. When I reached out and touched things, they were there, they were real. It was a wonderful time to live.

I thought in those days that the sort of whimsical saying of the flower children

about changing a light bulb was cute, but not really apropos to the real world. Remember the answer? "It only takes one person, but the bulb has to want to be changed."

However, I'm starting to feel that there are trends to things that for me to ignore are equally foolish. My feeling this way has caused a slight tearing in the fabric of my beliefs and I find myself constantly making emergency repairs. I don't reach out and touch things with the assurance I once had.

To be blunt, this has been very hard on me.

No matter how much I

try to resist, the tearing has been taking place. I once ran an ocean experiment in the Gulf of Cortez. I was the head scientist and as such had planned every iota of detail. Every detail! Nothing could go wrong, I thought. Nothing.

Well, things did go wrong. They went very bad from the start and then got worse, much worse. On the day when the last call came in telling me that another segment of the experiment was in complete shambles, the Mexican government's liaison, an army colonel, invited me to join him for lunch at a local cantina.

Once seated at a table of

very good food, he raised his glass, "I don't know about you, Paul, but I have lost bigger wars than this! We are friends here and this is good food. That's what counts. Salute!" I joined him in the toast. Our lunch, that day was my one small joy in a day of bleak utter despair.

The next year I was requested by my superiors to rerun the experiment. Despite a dark heart, I went through the same exacting details of planning as before. On the day the experiment started everything went flawlessly and continued to do so for the next week.

The experiment had not

one failure and, in fact, was a fantastic success. That experiment, which I called Little Window 2, made my professional reputation and I went on to conduct many others. No one ever asked me about Little Window 1.

But I would like to mention it here as a rather large example of the subsurface flow of our world that does what it wants. A world whose light bulbs have to want to be changed. Not quite a Kismet philosophy but close. Given that, I will remember all my life my wonderful lunch with the colonel.

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Performing arts and after-school at Lynn Meadows Discovery Ctr.

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The Lynn Meadows Discovery Center is accepting students in classes that begin in February. WINGS Performing Arts classes are in acting, Suzuki violin and piano, dance, voice, chorus and music play.

Bell-Ringer Blasts, after school classes, are in photography, painting, gardening and science.

Acting and Suzuki violin and Music Play are 12-week classes. In acting, instructor Tonya Hays will use creativity and imagination as students perform improvisational games and monologues and utilize puppets.

The class is designed for children ages 8-12. Tuition is \$100, and classes are on Mondays, 4-5 p.m. beginning Feb. 4.

Suzuki violin and piano offers children ages 3-5 the opportunity to play beautiful music while improving manual dexterity, coordination, discipline, self-esteem and concentration.

The instructor is Vicky Heidingsfelder. Tuition is \$140 and classes begin on Monday, February 3, violin 9-10 and piano 10-11 p.m.

Music Play with Kevin

Dyess introduces young children, ages 3-5, and their parents to melody and rhythm in a play setting. Classes begin on Saturday February 1, 10-11 a.m., and the tuition is \$150. There is a \$15 non-refundable registration fee for all classes.

Dance, voice and chorus classes are ongoing through the school year. Dance with Molly Cox features ballet and jazz for children 3-5 and 6-8, and theatre dance for ages 10 and up.

Classes for ages 3-5 are Mondays 2-3 and Tuesdays 3-4 p.m.; for ages 6-8, Mondays 3:30-4:30; for ages 10 and up, Mondays 5-6 p.m. Tuition is \$35 per month.

Voice with Debra Vernon offers private and group lessons for students, ages 6-18, to develop healthy phonation. Lessons are by appointment. Tuition is \$180 for three months for private lessons and \$120 for three months for group lessons.

Chorus is a fun, informal way for second through seventh graders to sing and perform. Instructors are Dr. Brenda Stiles, Kathleen Hodgins and Kathy Burns.

Tuition is \$25 per semester and classes are on Fridays, 4-5 p.m. There is a \$15 non-refundable registration fee for all classes.

In Bell-Ringer Blasts, after school classes, drawing and painting fundamentals and creating a wetlands mural are included in "Studio by the Sea" with Carla Sharrow on Mondays beginning February 3 for 12 weeks, for ages 9-12.

Tuition is \$160 including supplies except personal sketch pad.

"Journey to the Center of the Earth" with Sam Williams uses gardening as a launch pad for a journey developing skills in art, science and math on Wednesdays beginning February 6 for 12 weeks, for ages 6-9.

Tuition is \$100 with a \$25 supply fee.

Basic photography classes with Charlie Taylor for parents and children, ages 10 and older, are offered on Saturday, March 22, 29, April 5 and an exhibition on April 12. Tuition is \$75 with a \$20 supply fee.

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Twenty-five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to students throughout the state. To be eligible, all scholarship applicants must:

- be planning to attend an accredited college or university as a full-time student in Fall 2003,
- write an essay of no more than 500 words, typed and double-spaced, on the topic "The Best Gift I Ever Received," and
- attach the essay to the completed application and submit it to ESF postmarked by February 20.

High school applicants must also: be graduating from a Mississippi high school in 2003, have at least a 3.0 grade point average, and have the application

certified and signed by his or her high school counselor. Adult (non-traditional) student applicants must also:

- have graduated from high school prior to 2003, and
- be planning to enroll as an undergraduate for the first time.

Students may request an application from their high school counselor, print it from the ESF website at www.esfweb.com, or call 1-888-713-3762 to have an application mailed.

ESF is a Mississippi-based non-profit organization that provides free college and career counseling services through the College Access Planning Program (CAPP).

A second outreach program, Delta Scholars, targets underserved Delta students by increasing awareness of postsecondary education opportunities and helping provide access to them.

Because ESF is non-profit,

it, it also offers low-cost student loans with money-saving borrower benefits.

"The sole mission of ESF is to assure the accessibility of higher education for Mississippians. We can think of no better way to express our commitment than by awarding scholarships to deserving students, particularly at a time when many of our state colleges and universities are having to raise tuition to cover budget decreases," commented Ken Smith, executive director.

The ESF Scholarship Competition has been chosen for inclusion on FastWeb, the Internet's leading scholarship search service. Recommended by more than 18,000 high school counselors and college financial aid officers, FastWeb was utilized by one of every three college-bound high school seniors last year, and more than 17 million students have used FastWeb since its launch in 1995.

Recreation public hearings set

THE SEA COAST ECHO Public meetings will be held across the state beginning next week to get public input for updating the state Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan for 2003, according to the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

Citizens, elected officials, and outdoor enthusiasts are encouraged to attend and provide input into the planning process.

Public hearing will be held at the following locations:

- Jan. 15, in Greenwood at the City Hall Council Chambers, 101 W. Church Street, at 5 p.m.

- Jan. 16, in Gulfport at the Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District Conference Room, 9229 Highway 49, at 3:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

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Mississippi CIAP funds awarded to Lynn Meadows Discovery Center

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Mississippi is one of seven states eligible to receive funds from CIAP (Coastal Impact Assistance Program) appropriated through the Secretary of Commerce.

The Harrison County Board of Supervisors and the Department of Environmental Quality are two of the state agencies that have been designated to administer CIAP on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The Lynn Meadows Discovery Center was awarded \$193,000 of CIAP funds with which to implement various environmental objectives.

The Discovery Center's project include a new interactive exhibit and program experiences designed to communicate the "wonder," the mystery, and the majesty of the wetlands to young people.

The "Wonder-full Wetlands," an outdoor maze, will be a new permanent exhibit designed to remind visitors of the beauty and functions of the wetlands as well as impacts on the wetlands. A visitor created wetlands mural will depict the river wetlands, the coastal beaches, barrier islands and the Wet Pine Savanna.

An interactive traveling trunk that will be developed with the participation of



Teachers coastwide are collaborating on developing curriculum and models for environmental education at the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center, including, from left, Jackson County teacher Alice Wilkes, Harrison County teacher Mary Baughman and Hancock County teacher Pam Carruba.

teachers from the three coastal counties will incorporate some of the features of the permanent exhibit.

Weekday programs for school groups include an environmental activity either in the garden, science lab and/or the artist studio. On the weekends, guest environmental educators present interactive programs designed to educate

and entertain.

Environmental camps and classes give children a new way of looking at the environment through gardening, science and art experiences.

The flower and vegetable garden and the wetlands garden at the Discovery Center will be tended by the "Wiggle Worms" Garden Club, consisting of families

and students of all ages. Teachers will be invited to participate in workshops to develop environmental programs for the classroom.

The Discovery Center has welcomed more than 316,000 visitors since opening in May, 1998 and was selected one of the USA's top 50 children's museums.

For information, call 897-6039.

2004 Junior Miss applications available

Applications for the 2004 Hancock County Junior Miss Scholarship are now available. Contestants must be juniors at one of the high schools in Hancock County, which include Hancock High School, Bay-Waveland High School, and Our Lady Academy.

Applications are available in the counselor's office of each high school, local dance studios, or may be obtained by calling Sandy at 601-798-0894 or Beth at 228-255-8086.

The program is planned for March 15 at the Hancock High School Commons. Applications are due by January 26. An initial meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on January 26 at the Kiln Library.

The 46th annual America's Junior Miss National Finals will be held in Mobile in June of 2003.

For more information on America's Junior Miss, visit the AJM Web Site at www.ajm.org.

Special services at First Assembly

First Assembly of God Church, 1912 Arnold Street in Waveland, announces special services with guest speaker Pastor Eugene Hassler.

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Today looks better and better

"Somebody out there is talking to us," has become a frequent refrain heard randomly at home, around neighborhoods and in public places. As you may have guessed, the statement refers to the whole context of life's events as they crush in on us from all sides, no matter where we turn or where we go.

Is the Master talking to us? Most crushing of all for most people is the gruesome specter of local or even global war fed by hotbeds of conflicts in the Middle East and/or North Korea. Abundant talk, polls, handwringing, dire predictions and the looming vision of body bags haunt our families. Add to that the ongoing threat and hot pursuit of terrorists at home and abroad.

Yes, Someone is talking to us through the medium of local and worldwide events, and through the numerous people who impact us every hour. I was cheered, as you were, by the Federal Aviation Administration's report at the end of the year that not a single airplane fatality occurred involving any commercial airliner during the year 2002.

Even as I write, the year 2003 is another year, ushering in the shattering news of commuter flight 5481 of U.S. Airways which crashed on takeoff from Charlotte, North Carolina. The twin-engine turboprop stalled, veered right and crashed into a hangar, killing all 19 passengers and two crew.

The Master is surely talking to us about ourselves and the whole world. Following the near univer-

REFLECTIONS ON LIFE

By Father Jerome
LeDoux, SVD



sal groundswell of well-wishing arising from the ultra shock of "International 911", Americans are now experiencing a sad, painful backlash of many nations which accuse us of ulterior motives, greed and a hunger for control in our pursuit of terrorists, Bin Laden and Hussein.

For a while, we thought the world had been shocked into conversion from its perpetual fixation with religious fanaticism, the ethnic politics of hatred and division, local and global class warfare, and the powder keg of hog-gish geopolitics. Now most of it seems like an unattainable, wistful dream.

In the meantime, our private lives go on apace, presenting us with the best of times and the worst of times, often in great disproportion for those straining to make a living, to just land a job, to find peace within their minds and their hearts, to overcome misfortunes, sickness and bereavement.

A friend called late last night, expressing concern that she had not heard from me in months, hoping to reestablish more frequent communication, especially since her life is in severe flux. The call took me off the hook, for I had misplaced her number and had been too lazy to commit it to

memory. I was jolted back to the reality of having to seize each day as it comes.

Yes, the Master talks to us through many events and individuals, assuring us that is all we have, folks: today. As elementary as that lesson is, it is every bit as slithery as an eel. (If you have ever grabbed an eel, you know that soap has more friction.) Well, God speaks to us more powerfully through our mortality than in any other way, and he surely gets our attention.

Just looking back over the funerals I have conducted during the past few months, it has somewhat startled me that most of the people I was burying were younger than I. Invariably, I open the funeral homily of anyone younger than I with the observation that, obviously, Somebody's calling my name. Somebody's telling me something about the fragility of my own life.

Tomorrow, we will celebrate the heavenly homegoing of a 46-year-old man.

Last Saturday, it was a 38-year-old man, two days before that it was a 52-year-old man, and not long before that it was a 62-year-old. That is only about a third of the recent funerals of

relatively young people.

Looking reality in the face, I will turn 73 on February 26. While I feel great, hale and hearty in my near 7-year pursuit of a totally vegetarian food regimen, I, just as you, have no guarantee even of tomorrow. I feel stronger, better, healthier and more vigorous than I have in 16 years.

Still, I have the overwhelming awareness that I possess nothing more than the present.

As I give thanks that my body is without pain or disabling afflictions, and that my mind and memory have not missed a beat, I reflect painfully that quite a number of my childhood playmates have gone on to God, as have a score of classmates both before and after my priesthood days.

Someone is talking to me and to all of us through each of them. "Youth is wasted on the young," is a very scarce piece of wisdom which, unfortunately, is activated only as we add on our later years, becoming more clear the more we distance ourselves from our younger years. In these latter years, we finally learn to appreciate ourselves, our relatives and friends.

Yes, today looks better and better as we learn at length to savor the sacred treasure which is the people dear to us, as we share and enjoy our countless God-given gifts and talents, as we learn to prize the precious grace of one day, the special opportunities of each hour, the rapture of every moment.

Scripture Says . . .

By Ed Young

Should the members of the "Body of Christ" get involved in politics?

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Paul proclaimed that message in the same way Jesus did. Some think the message of Jesus must be put in a new wrapper. The same old message presented in the same old-way will not do.

But this was not the position of the apostle Paul. He described his ministry for us. I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and from house to house, solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:20-21).

Yes, Paul taught publicly. And he went from house to house taking the good news of Jesus Christ. And specifically, Paul called upon men and women to repent of sin.

He called them to turn from sinful habits. And he told them to turn to Jesus Christ. Christ provides forgiveness for sin. The message for today is exactly the same.

You must turn your back on what you know is sin. And at the same time you must turn to Christ. You must bow before Jesus Christ. You must trust Him as your Saviour. And you must follow Him as your Lord.

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St. Joseph Catholic Church January events

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Sacrament of Penance: Before all masses or by appointment.
St. Joseph Devotion: Every Wednesday before mass.
Sacred Heart Devotion: Special devotion every Friday

before morning mass.

Choir: Those interested in joining the choir, contact Ann Seale or Yvonne Viguere.

CYO: The CYO meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. Individuals interested in helping, contact Rhonda Darby. Ages 13 to 17 are invited to attend.

Father Dominic retires
Father Dominic Cangerni,

ST has retired as pastor of St. Joseph Church after 11 years of serving the church parish. A celebration of the Holy Mass was performed Dec. 29 to commemorate Father Dominic's retirement and ministry as pastor and priest.

Bishop Rodi was the main celebrant, and Father Dominic, Father Thaddeus and Msgr.

Carroll concelebrated. Brother Senen assisted in the Mass.

After Mass, the entire congregation gathered in the rectory for a reception.

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Stennis Space Center's changes in leadership and management structure in the final months of the year put the center in position to respond to NASA's plans for the future.

Management Changes
NASA's Bill Parsons, former director of Stennis' Center Operations and Support Directorate, was named center director in August. NASA's Michael Rudolph, former manager of the Reusable Solid Rocket Motor Project at Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, Ala., joined Stennis as deputy center director in November. NASA's Dr. David Powe was named director of the Earth Science Applications Directorate, also in November.

NASA's Miguel Rodriguez, who served as chief of the Integration Office of the Cape Canaveral Spaceport Management Office, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla., moved to Stennis in December to serve as director of the Center Operations Directorate.

These appointments reflect NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe's newly announced One NASA approach to program management. O'Keefe has emphasized an organization that focuses on better coordination, collaboration and communication among all agency centers to reach common goals.

"These personnel moves enhance the working relationship Stennis has with other centers," said Parsons. "Stennis' management reorganization was a team effort that will greatly improve our flexibility in working within the One NASA concept."

New Business

Stennis' growth over the past four years has had a pronounced impact on its neighboring communities. Release of the center's economic impact figures in March showed that Stennis accounted for more than 28,000 jobs in the local area, increased personal income by \$928 million and increased retail sales by \$371 million. It is estimated that Stennis generated \$100 million in local government tax revenues.

Stennis marked another milestone in August through its efforts to position the center as a viable location for a multitude of commercial and governmental agencies. Ribbon cutting ceremonies for three facilities, valued at more than \$60 million, were held Aug. 5.

Lockheed Martin opened the doors to its \$30-million, 220,000-square-foot Lockheed Martin Mississippi Space and Technology Center.

The Naval Small Craft Instructional and Technical Training School and Special Boat Unit 22 opened its long-awaited \$26-million training facility, and the Naval Oceanographic Office opened its 24,000-square-foot, \$6.5 million Warfighting Support and Survey Operations Center.

More than 70 aerospace industry leaders from across the nation visited Stennis in April for Customer Day 2002. The two-day event showcased the center's unique rocket engine test capabilities, allowing propulsion test engineers to have face-to-face meetings with customers.

The Earth Science Applications (ESA) Directorate assumed oversight of the Stennis magnetometry facility, formerly managed by the Naval Research Laboratory.

The addition of the facility, along with the adjacent gravitation calibration site, strengthens ESA's role in the area of sensor validation and verification.

Propulsion

In March, Robert

Lightfoot was named director of the Propulsion Test Directorate (PTD).

Stennis engineers and technicians were involved in resolving issues related to the small cracks found last June in each orbiter's hydrogen fuel flow liners. Engineers developed a flow liner simulator to determine whether the hydrogen lines can sustain 20 more years of shuttle flight operations without being replaced.

PTD's role in support of NASA initiatives found the center supporting one of the most ambitious testing schedules in recent years.

The E-Complex, with its three test stands and seven testing cells, carved out a new reputation as it met program requirements with unprecedented results.

The Boeing/Rocketdyne Advanced Catalyst Bed concluded a series of 249 tests over a 26-day period. Activation tests of the Integrated Powerhead Demonstrator (IPD) were completed in June.

The launch of STS-110 marked a milestone for NASA and for Stennis. The flight was the first to use a full complement of the Block II configuration of the Space Shuttle Main Engine. The new engine features fewer welds, stronger internal shafts and disks and more robust bearings that make the system safer and more reliable.

Earth Science Applications

The Stennis Earth Science Applications (ESA) Directorate assumed a new mission to optimize benefits from NASA's Earth Science investments through systems engineering to advance decision support tools that serve the nation. ESA provides for cross-cutting responsibilities in systems engineering, workforce development and affiliated research centers, and takes the lead in the 12 national applications in the following areas: agricultural competitiveness, community growth, coastal management and homeland security.

ESA is collaborating with the NASA Earth Science Enterprise Applications Program, other NASA centers and multiple federal agencies in working to enhance decision-support systems.

ESA scientists used satellite technology to help efforts to preserve the Louisiana wetlands, evaluate urban sprawl, research cultural resource management, plan a city's tricentennial and evaluate water quality.

Stennis announced support of the Rapid Syndrome Validation Project (RSVP), a real-time syndrome-monitoring system developed by Sandier National Laboratories, Albuquerque,

N.M., in February. The program is expected to enhance a reporting system that allows health-care professionals to recognize and react swiftly to biological threats.

Technology Development and Transfer

The Dual Use Technology Development Program continued to expand its innovative approach of mutually beneficial teaming with the commercial industry. One of the most successful projects was with BAFCO Inc., which resulted in the production of an improved linear actuator for use on critical valves used in rocket engine testing.

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Additionally, the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)/Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs continued to produce positive results. A milestone was reached when Duncan Technologies, which first developed the hydrogen flame imager through a Stennis SBIR project, announced reaching \$1 million in commercial sales of the NASA-based technology.

Education

The Office of Education recorded many successes

this year, including the development of the Mississippi Education Involvement (MSEI). The NASA Office of Education supports the efforts of educational stakeholders to create a cohesive education plan for the state through MSEI and its comprehensive inventory project. The inventory is an online database allowing the community to share knowledge of educational resources.

Stennis National Workforce Development Education and Training Initiative team members developed a competency model, allowing those in the geospatial sciences industry to communicate their workforce needs to educators.

The Office of Education conducted more than 60 Educator Resource Center and distance education workshops for educators and students, implementing return on investment training as a tool for evaluating programs.

Additionally, the office sponsored more than 50 students and faculty for internships, as well as sponsoring successful FIRST Robotics teams and the NASA Student Involvement Program's National Symposium.

StennisSphere

The visitor center reopened its doors to the public in January after being closed due to the

events of Sept. 11, 2001. Soon after reopening, StennisSphere was the first stop on a national tour of a traveling exhibit of the International Space Station.

New exhibits, anniversary celebrations and outreach efforts, including the second public evening engine test, highlighted StennisSphere's 2002 calendar.

Celebration of the 32nd anniversary of Apollo 13's flight into history brought guests and dignitaries to honor Apollo 13 astronaut and native Mississippian Fred Haise in April. An exhibit recognizing the contributions of space pioneer Werner von Braun also opened in April.

StennisSphere took its show on the road in a joint venture with Entergy's IMAX Theater in New Orleans. More than 500,000 visitors viewed exhibits from Stennis while attending presentations of the International Space Station 3-D movie.

Stennis once again opened its doors for a public evening engine test Nov. 8, drawing more than 5,000 visitors to witness the shake, rattle and roar of a Space Shuttle Main Engine. For the first time, in collaboration with Marshall Space Flight Center, streaming video of the test was shown live on the Web.

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NO. 2002-32
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF DOROTHY CHANDLER STINSON
You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Deborah Mae Foreman, Plaintiff seeking First and Final Accounting and Partition to Close Estate. Defendants other than you in this action are: None

You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 o'clock A.M. on the 3rd day of February, 2003, in the courtroom of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Complaint or Petition

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this 18 day of December 2002

(Seal)
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12/29/02, 01/05, 01/12/03

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01-12, 01-19/03

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI ALDEAN MORAN, PLAINTIFF VERSUS

THE UNKNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LOTITA GALLIANO CHOUEST, WILLIAM MORAN BARRIOS, CECILE CHOUEST CHERAMIE, ELDA CHOUEST ELLENDER, JEFFERSON F. CHOUEST, and EDISON S. CHOUEST, BEULAH CHOUEST PETERSON, BESSIE CHOUEST BENIGNO, AND/OR THEIR KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS DEFENDANTS
CAUSE NO. 2002-33
SUMMONS

(Service by Publication: Residence Unknown)
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF LOTITA GALLIANO CHOUEST deceased, and other interested parties, if living or if deceased, their heirs-at-law and all parties having or claiming a legal interest

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT
THE COMPLAINT OR PETITION WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMONS IS IMPORTANT AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint or petition at 9:30 O'Clock A.M. on the 10th day of February, 2003 in the courtroom of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this 27th day of December, 2002

(Seal)
TIM KELLAR
Chancery Clerk
Hancock County, Mississippi
By Pamela Cuevas, D.C.

William W. Dreher Jr.
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Gulfport, Mississippi 39502
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARJORIE KAY WILLIAMS, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 2002-610
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME - GREETINGS
WHEREAS, MARJORIE KAY WILLIAMS, deceased, late of said County, died intestate, and we are informed, having while she lived, and at the time of her death, divers goods and chattels, rights and credits, within this State, and we, desiring that the said goods, chattels, rights and credits, my be well and truly administered, converted and disposed of, do hereby grant unto VERNON O. WILLIAMS full power, by the tenor of these presents, to administer the goods and chattels, rights and credits, which to the said deceased in her lifetime, and at the time of her death, did belong to, ask, levy, recover, and receive same, to administer the goods and chattels, rights, credits, lands, tenements, and hereditaments of the said deceased will extend, according to their rate and the order of the law, to make a true and perfect inventory of said goods and chattels, rights and credits, and the same to exhibit in the office of the Clerk of this Court, at or before the expiration of nine days from the date hereof, and the said VERNON O. WILLIAMS is hereby ordained Administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits, of the said deceased

WITNESS the Honorable WALTER W. TEEL, Chancellor of the Chancery Court, Mississippi, this 30 day of December, A.D. 2002, and the seal of said Court hereunto attached

(Seal)
TIM KELLAR
Chancery Clerk
Hancock County, Mississippi
BY Lannell Scarborough
01/05, 01/12, 01/19/03

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE ESTATE OF GLADYS CASTELL DEBEN MAJEAU PROBATE MATTER

NO. 2002-827
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE is hereby given that Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Gladys Castell DeBen Majeau, Deceased were granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Hancock County, Mississippi, on November 18, 2002, and all persons having claims against the Estate are hereby notified to present same to the Clerk of said Court and to have them probated and registered by the Clerk within ninety (90) days from the date of the publication of this notice, failure to do so will bar the claim

This 10th day of December, 2002
Robert Holmes, attorney
for Daniel P. Berrigan, Executor
12/29/02, 01/05, 01/12/03

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
ADMINISTRATOR CTA'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATE OF THOMAS M. HORNER

NO. 2002-916
Letters of Administration CTA having been granted on the 2nd day of January, 2003, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Jerry Dixon upon the estate of THOMAS M. HORNER deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registered according to law within 90 days from date of first publication, or they will be forever barred
This 7th day of January, 2003

S. JERRY DIXON
ADMINISTRATOR CTA
01-12, 01-19, 01-26/03

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the Hancock County Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing regarding the public convenience and necessity of the incorporation of the West Hancock Fire Protection District. Said hearing will be held at 11:00 a.m. February 3, 2003 at the Coast Electric Conference Center, Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. The proposed boundaries of said district are available for inspection at the Hancock County Board of Supervisors' office, 150 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. Publication by Order of the Board of Supervisors this 2nd day of December, 2002

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Hancock County, Mississippi
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES BY FUND
DISTRICT MAINTENANCE 127,606.83
SPECIAL EDUCATION 6,302.33
ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL 1,892.27
STUDENT ACTIVITY 13,651.47
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EEF BUILDINGS AND BUSES 2,052.16
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PER-	CENTRAL OFFICE	81,911.18
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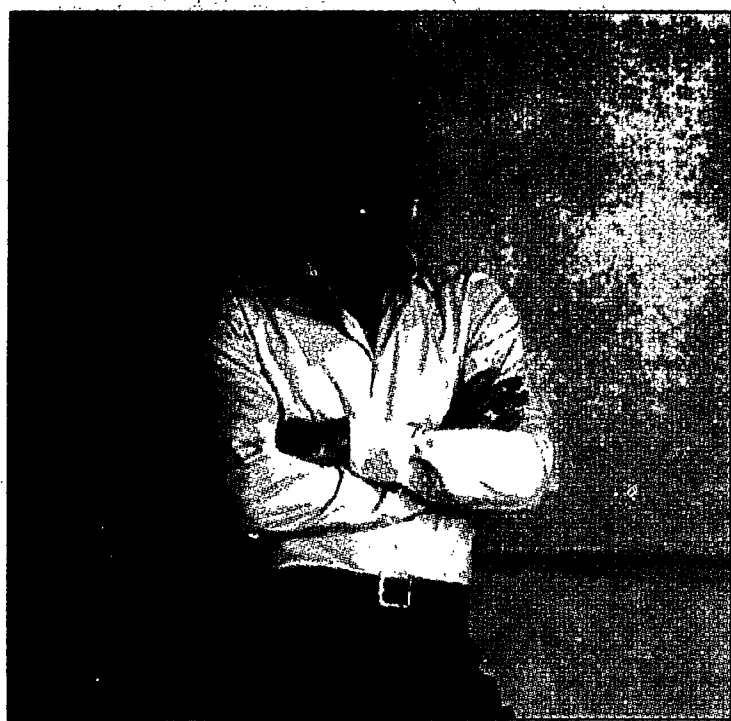
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KC, sans Sunshine Band

THE SEA COAST ECHO

With sales of over 100 million records, nine Grammy nominations, three Grammy Awards and an American Music Award, KC and The Sunshine Band is one of the main forces in pop music, and they will be at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Saturday, January 25 at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$19.95, \$24.95 and \$29.95 and available at Casino Magic Box Office or at any Ticketmaster location.

With hits like "Get Down Tonight," and "Shake Your Booty," KC & the Sunshine Band have been established as movers and shakers in the music business. The band began making their mark in 1975, when they released their self-titled album which went triple

platinum and contained the number one hits "Get Down Tonight," and "That's The Way (I Like It)." In fact, KC is only the third act, behind the Beatles and the Jackson Five, to have four number one singles in the span of one year: "Boogie Shoes," "Get Down Tonight," "That's The Way (I Like It)" and "Rock Your Baby." KC's next album, "Part 3," released the next year, continued the hit-making tradition with number one singles "I'm Your Boogie Man," "Shake Your Booty," and "Keep It Coming Love."

In 1978, he added yet another hit with "Boogie Shoes," which was included on the "Saturday Night Fever" soundtrack; KC followed that hit with "Please Don't Go," and the Top Five

duet with Teri DeSario "Yes, I'm Ready."

KC's music continues to be a favorite today. His songs have appeared in ads for companies like General Motors, Burger King, Nestlé Toll House Cookies, KMart, Old Navy, and Nick at Night.

His music has also been featured in over 75 movies, such as Forrest Gump, Boogie Nights, Boys Don't Cry, Rush Hour, and Carlito's Way. KC songs are regularly heard at sporting events, from Wrigley Field to the University of Tennessee to hundreds of high school gymnasiums across America.

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Grand Casino Biloxi takes a journey back in time, as Frank, Sammy, Joey and Dean "return" to the stage in The Rat Pack, beginning Jan. 13 at the Biloxi Grand Theatre.

The Rat Pack is a tribute to four friends, who partied and shared the stage together in Las Vegas during the early sixties. Urged by the voice of Buddy Hackett (father of cast member Sandy Hackett who portrays Joey Bishop) to return to earth and "do it one more time" - the Rat Packers do just that.

The show is filled with their one-liners and songs, which are accompanied by a 12-member band. Songs include: Sinatra standards, "Come Fly With Me," "Angel Eyes," and "All Of Me." Martin's "That's Amore" and Davis's "What Kind Of Fool Am I" and "Mr. Bojangles."

In addition to Hackett, The Rat Pack stars Henry Prego as Frank Sinatra, Tony Tillman as Sammy Davis Jr., and Pete Willcox as Dean Martin. The show also features Stacey Nicole



'The Rat Pack'

in a special cameo appearance as Marilyn Monroe.

Admission is \$14.95 and \$9.95. Show dates and times for The Rat Pack are:

Jan. 13-15, 20-22, 27-29 at 8 pm;

Jan. 16, 23, 30 at 7 pm and 10 pm;

Jan. 19 at 3 pm and 8 pm;

Jan. 25 at 3 pm, 7pm and 10 pm;

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Dinner show packages are available for The Rat Pack through the Grand Box Office. The Casual

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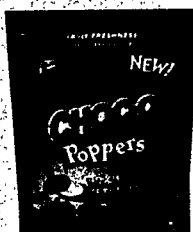
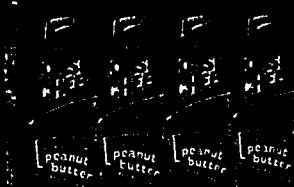
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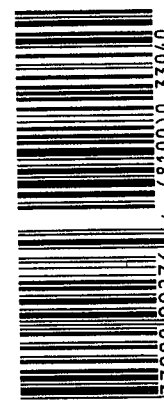
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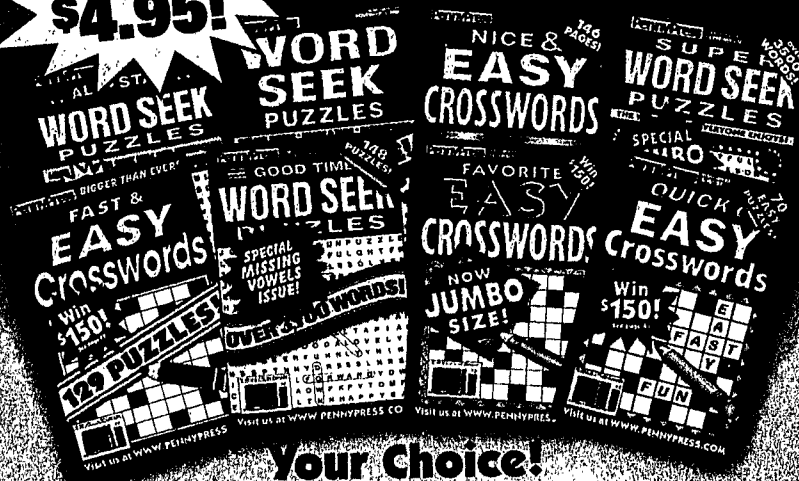
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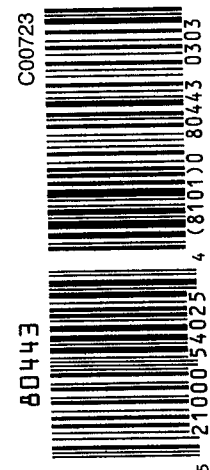
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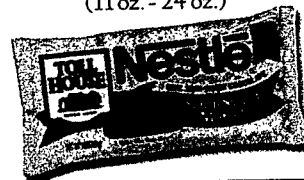
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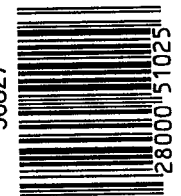
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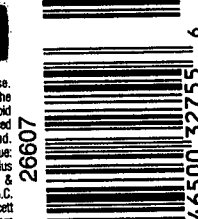
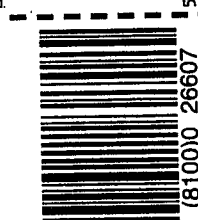
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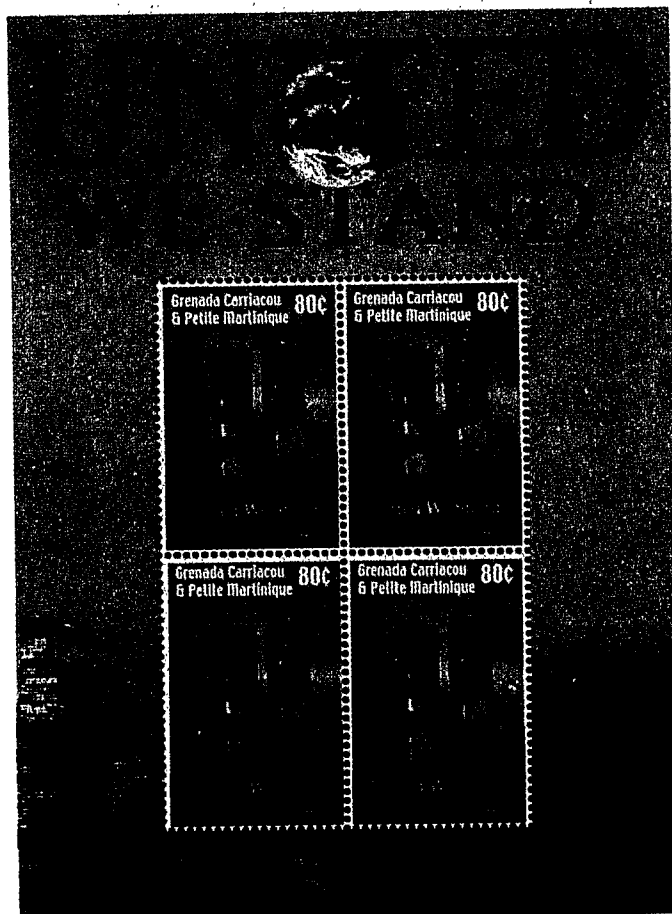
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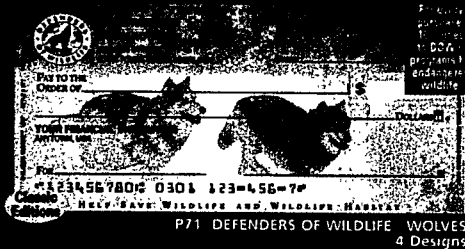
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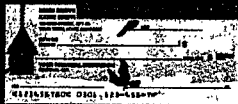
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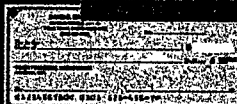
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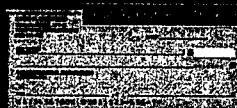
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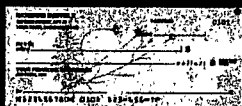
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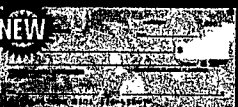
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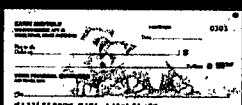
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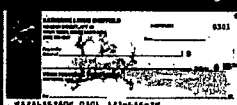
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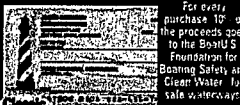
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